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Justice Dept. clears Sheriff

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

After six months of review and investigation into local COPS grant funding, the United States Department of Justice found no wrong-doing or misuse of government funds by Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely.

The sheriff came under fire last fall in political ads drafted and paid for by the Tim Coe for Sheriff Campaign. The ads alleged Lovely did not follow the requirements of the grant, most specifically the "nonsupplanting requirement" of the grant.

The Department of Justice stated in a Reduction-in-Force Review - Compliance Determination to Lovely dated March 29, "We have determined that the Sheriff's Department's elimination of one full-time officer position complies with the nonsupplanting requirement of the COPS statute and that it may continue implementing its COPS Universal Hiring Program (UHP) grant with a reduced baseline of 13 locally-funded sworn officer positions."

Further, the review states the determination of compliance was based on the fact Sheriff Lovely has demonstrated the reduction in force

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Shelter board asks township for \$20,000 in funding

► Projected 'deficit' may cause ASCC to close shelter by year end

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Board members for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County (ASCC) approached the Grayling Township Board of Trustees at their March 14 regular meeting to present an update of shelter progress and ask for \$20,000 in funds for operational expenses, projecting an estimated deficit even with about \$11,000 in reserve.

Going before the board with their request were Joe Porter, Susan Thiel, Ward Parker and Nancy Lemmen. The group presented the township board with a packet. Included in the packet is a listing of shelter employees, board members and advisers. Also included are inspection reports for a two-month period drafted by Dr. Dave Forbush. The reports cover a variety of topics from dog license

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City considers plan to lower dam

► Council calls a public hearing on April 9 to get more public input

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council is currently weighing the potential pros and cons of a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposal that would result in the lowering of the AuSable River dam located in the city park under the bridge at James Street.

The proposed project would lower the dam a total of one foot over the course of at least three years, DNR Fisheries Biologist Steve Sendek told the council last Monday.

Sendek is currently asking the city council to approve the "concept" of the plan. He is submitting a draft of the proposal to the federal government for funding, and the dam-lowering is just one of three phases of a river restoration project.

The three phases of the project are: lowering the AuSable dam head one foot; installing several sediment traps in the river; and adding large, woody debris to the banks of the AuSable at several locations.

Under the plan, woody debris (large tree pieces) would be airlifted and put into place by helicopter at several locations on the AuSable River over a 10-year period, including: the North

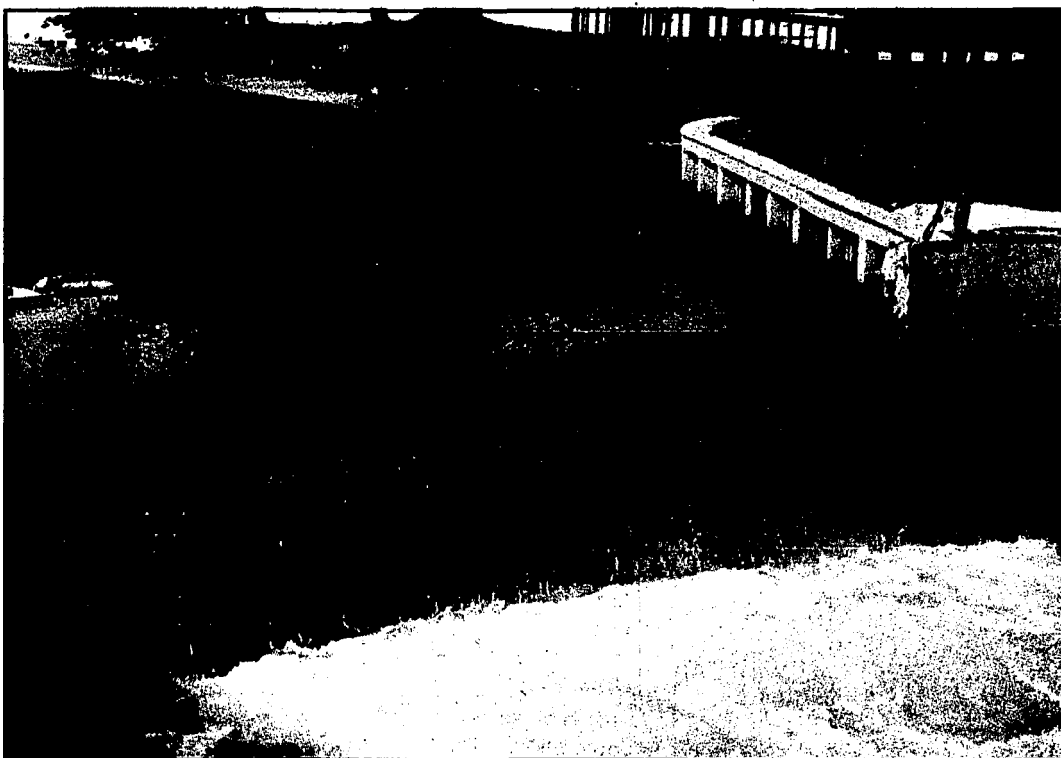


Photo by Caleb Casey

A plan is currently in the works to lower the dam in the city park a total of one foot over the course of at least three years.

Branch north of Lovells (3 years); Grayling to Parmalee Bridge (3 years); the South Branch (3 years); and the East Branch (1 year). The woody debris helps create habitats for fish and other creatures, and improves the overall health of the stream.

Sediment traps, large holes dug into the river bottom to collect sand and silt, help create a desirable (rocky) river bottom for trout by catching sand and sediment as

it moves downstream. At least four new sand traps are planned under the proposal.

The AuSable dam project would lower the structure's head one foot, with the intent of moving the level down four inches per year for three years. If after the first year it is determined that four inches is too much, the amount lowered could be reduced and the time period to achieve the one-foot drop could be extended,

Sendek said.

The drop could be accomplished in as many as 10 years, if needed, he said.

"If all this happens it's going to make the river a whole lot better," Sendek said of the three-phase plan. "Hopefully this will put the city dam issue to rest. This is it. No more lowering, no more efforts to remove it."

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Project is 'nothing like Salling'

► Removal of dam very different from current proposal, DNR biologist says

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

About 10 years after the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) arranged to have the AuSable River's Salling Dam removed, a local DNR Fisheries Biologist is trying to win public support for a plan that could help keep a different century-old dam in place by making a few modifications.

The DNR is applying for \$2 million in federal grant money (25 percent of which will be matching funds from the state) to complete a three-phase restoration project on the AuSable River, part of which involves lowering the AuSable River dam at the city park one foot over the course of at least three years.

The project, if funded, would also include installing at least four sediment traps in the AuSable and placing woody debris along the

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Tree cutting to go on despite strong opposition

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

About 180 people filled the Grayling Township Hall beyond seating capacity on Monday, April 2 to attend a presentation by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding the planned tree harvesting of about 1,360 acres.

The land to be affected concerns the M-72 West corridor just west of Grayling and areas along M-93 near Camp Grayling and Lake Margrethe.

As armed conservation officers looked on, several residents pleaded with the foresters to be "good neighbors" and consider the impact the tree cutting will have on the northern woods atmosphere, including wildlife and property values. Some complained of unsightly results from similarly described cuttings performed recently in other areas of the Crawford County and voiced hopes for better results.

Although many attending the meeting said the presentation was informative, most did not agree with the plan that would remove stands of 80-90 year old oaks. One woman inquired as to why DNR foresters need to do what Mother Nature had been doing "just fine" for millions of years. DNR officials explained the trees need to be

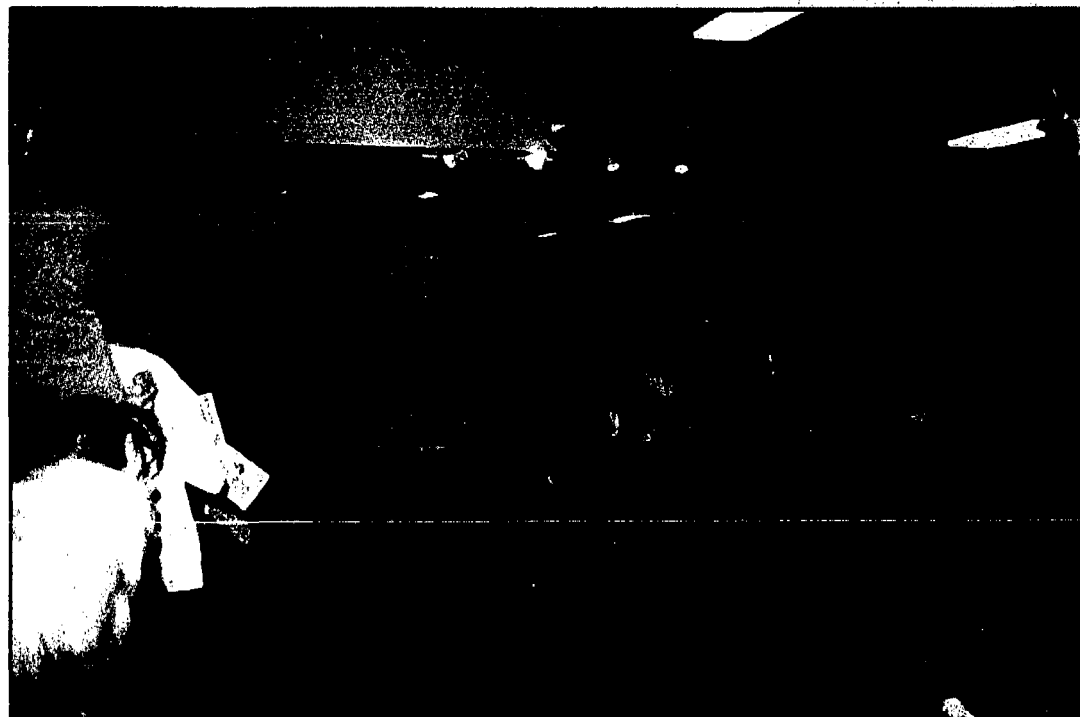


Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Concerned community members and property owners numbering more than 180 voiced their opinions about a plan to manage forestlands in the Hanson State Game Refuge. Many left dissatisfied and angry, shaking their heads over a cut that will drastically effect the landscape along the M-72 West corridor and areas around Lake Margrethe.

cut to prevent disease from spreading as part of forest management.

Forester Susan Thiel explained the plan will go forward despite opposition, but is willing to meet

with property owners and concerned citizens regarding areas of special interest.

Thiel said the reforestation is necessary to promote new growth

and preserve wildlife habitat for future generations. Cutting is not expected to begin until next fall and may take as long as two years once the cutting begins.

Use 989 starting April 7

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Last weekend, we switched to Daylight Savings Time. This weekend, telephone customers in the north central area of Lower Michigan (north of Lansing) must start getting used to the new area code, 989.

As of Saturday, April 7, the 517 area code in place for years will change to 989. Those in and south of Lansing will continue to use 517. There will be a six-month transition period where use of either area code will connect callers to those in the area affected; however, after October 6, callers who don't use the new 989 area code will reach a recording asking the call be redialed using the new code.

Telephone customers should remember to reprogram automatic dialing equipment, such as speed dialing, internet access, fax machines, and emergency phones, to avoid problems before the October 6 permanent change. Business cards, company letterhead

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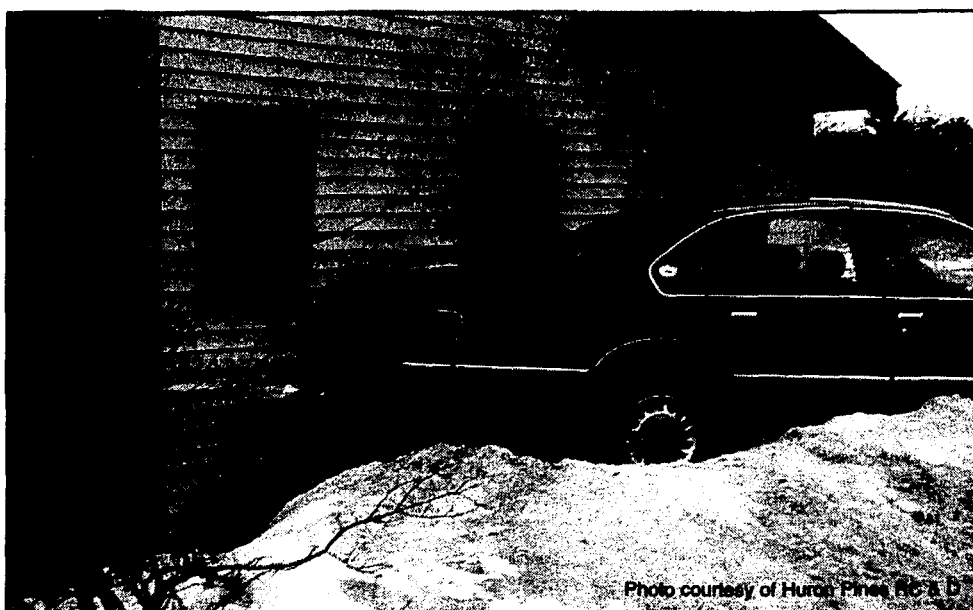
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No one injured in car/wall collision



An 89-year-old Mio man backed into the Huron Pines RC & D building on Norway Street in Grayling last Thursday, March 29. The driver hit and damaged two other vehicles parked on the street before apparently becoming confused and hitting the building, resulting in extensive damage to an exterior wall and interior wall of a conference room. The car barely missed the conference room table. Huron Pines staff members in the building at the time said the crash sounded like something heavy dropping or as Dan Sikarskie said chuckling, "like a car hitting the building." Fortunately, no meeting was taking place in the conference room and no one was injured. No ticket was issued; however, the driver will be required to undergo a driver's re-evaluation with the Michigan Secretary of State.

Field narrowed to three in superintendent search

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The field of candidates for a new school superintendent has been narrowed down to three by the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education. The board began with 28 applicants and has been aided in their search by Dr. Timothy Quinn and the Michigan Leadership Institute.

School board members selected six applicants for interviews that spanned three evenings the last week of March. Interviews were open to the public with only 15-20 citizens and school personnel reported to have attended each session.

Frederic PTO Secretary Ilene Geiss-Wilson attended all six interviews and said she felt they went really well. "There were six strong candidates. All three finalists

brought with them their unique personalities, but all of them were positive, natural in their responses, and appeared genuinely interested."

Wilson also serves as the Executive Director of the Grayling Area Visitors Council and was pleased all three candidates felt very positively about the Grayling area, showing interest in local recreation opportunities and the economic development of the area. Wilson said she was delighted parents and school personnel were asked for their input during the interview sessions. She was pleased with another aspect as well. "They (school board members) asked us for our opinion, which they didn't have to do," Wilson said. "I'm glad they considered input from all perspectives -- parents, business, and school staff."

Finalists being considered by the

board to fill the shoes of retiring Superintendent Kent Reynolds are Robert C. Currie, Millie A. Haug, and Jack Wallington. Currie currently serves as Assistant Superintendent of Marshall Public Schools; Haug (pronounced "Howg") is the Associate Superintendent of Instruction for the Charlotte Public Schools; and Wallington is currently the Assistant Superintendent of the Wayland Union Schools. All schools the finalists serve are in Michigan.

Wilson commented she was pleased to hear from each candidate that they had heard great things about the Crawford AuSable Schools.

"It is wonderful the district has such a positive image around the state. Because we have heard such good reviews so often, there must be some truth in it," she said. Wilson pointed out the candidates were most impressed with the level of technology in the schools as well as the staff.

Second round interviews are scheduled next week on April 10, 11 and 12 with one finalist participating in the following schedule each day:

- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. - finalist meets with Superintendent Reynolds and Assistant Superintendent Paul Lerg.
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - finalist receives guided tour of the district

with Reynolds.

- 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. - a reception will be held in the AuSable Primary School cafeteria. The public is invited and encouraged to attend each reception.

- 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. - finalist will have dinner with the school board at the Grayling Holiday Inn. The public is welcome to join the board and finalists for dinner, but are responsible for the cost of their own meals and beverages.

- 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. - the school board will adjourn back to the AuSable Primary School cafeteria for the final interview.

School board Vice President Karl Schreiner commented, "Even though we are well on our way to a decision, we really want people to be there. Choosing a new superintendent is the single most important thing we have to do as a board."

Deadline nears to register school board candidacy

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The annual school election will be held on Monday, June 11, with two four-year term seats up for grabs on the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education.

Candidates for the school board have only a few days left to file nominating petitions with the district. Petitions must be filed at the District Central Office on Michigan Avenue in Grayling by Monday, April 9 at 4 p.m.

Running for re-election are Karl Schreiner and Jim Tobin. If re-elected, this will be the second term for both candidates. Schreiner currently serves as Vice President of the board.

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City considers plan to lower dam

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Steve Southard, owner of Ray's Canoe Livery and The Fly Factory, said he also believes the one-foot drop compromise will eliminate any efforts to have the dam taken out, helping to put an end to the debate of whether or not the dam should be removed. (The Fly Factory and Ray's are located just downstream of the structure.)

There have been efforts in the past to have the AuSable dam taken out completely, but local opposition to the removal plans has kept the dam in place, Sendek said.

Sendek said that removing the dam is not in the best interests of area residents or the AuSable River ecosystem, and the opposition to the removal plan is justified. "I am not a proponent of removing the dam," Sendek said. "With the sediments (upstream), if the dam was removed or failed it would have a lasting effect on the river downstream."

The three-phase project proposal has been in the works for over a year. A committee was created with representatives from the DNR, Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Area Council (RC&D), Trout Unlimited, the AuSable River property owners association, and other local groups to look at "the river and habitat

restoration," and the proposal now being submitted for funding at the federal level is the result of the committee's efforts.

With regard to the dam, the committee looked at every possibility from removing the dam to leaving it alone, and decided the best course of action was to gradually lower the structure one foot.

"I think it's a very good compromise," said Sendek. "A lot of community input went into this proposal."

The goal of the overall project, including the dam-lowering, is to "restore quality to the headwaters of the AuSable," Sendek said. "The AuSable is a unique resource in the world. There's not another system like it. It is one of the most stable systems in the world, that and the Manistee. We need to protect that resource because it is so unique."

The committee is aware of the local concerns with regard to the dam and the AuSable River. Citizens who own river frontage are concerned about property values, area residents have concerns about the river's overall status, and fishermen and outdoor groups want to maintain a top-notch trout fishery.

In creating the proposal, the committee talked to as many property owners on the west side (upstream)

of the dam as possible.

Property owners were not entirely supportive of the proposal, Sendek said, but were receptive to the compromise of lowering the dam one foot as opposed to having the dam removed entirely.

"One foot is the best compromise between the two environments there," Sendek said. He noted that there is still the option to do nothing with the dam at this time, and that the other two phases of the project can still proceed even if the dam-lowering proposal meets with opposition.

(The dam was built about 100 years ago, and reinforced about 50 years ago with the construction of the bridge at James Street. At some point in the future, the dam will have to be renovated in some fashion in order to keep it safe and operational, Sendek said. The opportunity to fund the project with federal money now is unique, and being able to fix up the dam with federal dollars soon as opposed to local money later is one benefit of having work done on the dam through this proposal, Sendek explained.)

According to Sendek, lowering the dam accomplishes several things to benefit the river: it will allow the water upstream to flow, helping to keep water temperatures cool (trout

need cool water temperatures to survive and thrive); it will, combined with the construction of a rock rubble ramp up to the dam head, allow fish to move upstream to quality habitats there; and it will make the structure safer and less susceptible to a possible dam failure if a serious flood were to occur at the location.

Sendek is seeking funding for the three-phase, 10-year project through a federal Fish and Wildlife Service grant in the amount of \$200,000 for 10 years (\$2 million total). The \$200,000 per year would include \$150,000 in federal money and \$50,000 in matching funds from the state. If the grant is approved, work on the projects could begin as early as October of this year. Sendek is confident the grant application will be approved.

"(The Fish and Wildlife Service) has been very receptive to habitat restoration," he said.

After hearing the committee's proposal, the Grayling City Council decided to call a public hearing before making a decision on whether or not to support the plan. The public hearing will be held on Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Grayling Middle School during the council's regular meeting.

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GHS Student Senate

Proposed project is 'nothing like Salling'

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banks of the AuSable in several different locations.

DNR Fisheries Biologist Steve Sendek presented the plan at a regular meeting of the Grayling City Council last Monday, and attempts to compare the current dam-lowering proposal and the Salling Dam removal of 10 years ago have already been made. According to Sendek, the two projects have very little in common.

"Salling Dam had serious safety issues," said Sendek. "It wasn't being maintained, and it was on the verge of washing out. This proposal is nothing like Salling."

Local efforts to raise enough money to repair the Salling Dam failed, and eventually the DNR and area conservation groups raised the money needed to remove the dam and had it taken out. Removing the structure sent 100 years worth of sediment downstream, and much of it settled on the wetlands of area property owners and in the AuSable stump pond. It took several years for the areas to grow back in through the sediments.

(Lawsuits were filed, but none resulted in any damages being awarded.)

Sendek's current plan for the dam in the city park, created with the input of local conservation groups and the AuSable property owners association, attempts to bring about a compromise with regard to the AuSable dam. Sendek hopes that by gradually lowering the structure one foot, the dam will be safer, allow for improved water flow and cooler temperatures for trout, and make it possible for fish to get upstream to the habitats available there.

Dams are regularly inspected in accordance with state law, and the AuSable dam at the city park "is not in an unsafe position," Sendek said, "but it's a man-made structure, and as far as dams failing, it's usually not 'if' but 'when.'"

Sendek believes the modifications planned for the dam will make it considerably less susceptible to failure. The decrease of head level and the addition of a rock rubble ramp up to the structure (so fish can pass up through the dam) will increase water flow and capacity, allowing the dam to handle more volume in the case of flooding.

The increased flow will bring some sediment downstream from the pond, but a sand trap installed in the river near the foot bridge at the city park should catch most of it,

Sendek said.

Also, the increased river flow brought about by lowering the dam will change the nature of some portions of the upstream wetlands. Standing water in some areas at the river banks upstream will move into the river, allowing the terrain to grow in with more vegetation as the stream returns to its "natural" state (as it existed prior to logging operations).

"We will not be losing wetlands, just moving from one type of wetland to another," said Sendek. "The pond will change from a lily pad and standing water type to a grassy wetland. It should be just as attractive to wildlife."

Sendek has asked the Grayling City Council to approve the "concept" of the plan. The council has scheduled a public hearing to be held at its next regular meeting (April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Grayling Middle School) to hear more citizen input prior to making a decision.

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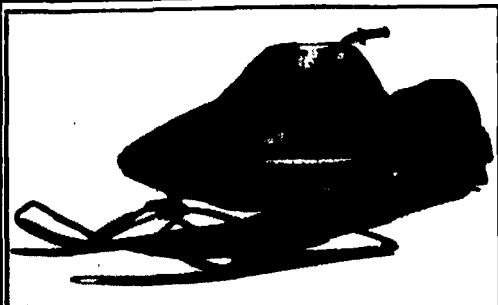
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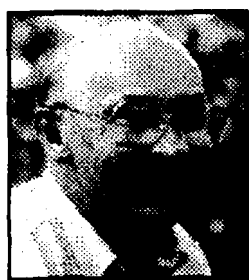
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by Richard Milliman

Voters may tinker with pay setting system

PUBLIC HOWLS arose in Michigan a couple months ago when the Michigan legislature accepted pay raises up to \$76,000 this year and almost \$80,000 in 2002.

That's what members of the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC) proposed.

This seven-member group of citizens named by the governor blamed it partly on term limits, contending that with shorter terms, it takes more money to draw competent candidates to run the state. That's bunk, of course.

Then it was up to the legislators to refuse the pay hikes for themselves, governor, lieutenant governor, and supreme court justices.

House members voted against accepting the pay hikes, and senators refused to vote at all, so their pay went up.

Now house and senate members want voters to amend the constitution and change a few things.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, the senate passed a resolution to require a positive vote in the legislature to accept SOCC findings, instead of lack a two-thirds negative vote to turn them down. It's a major difference.

The senate proposal also delays pay adjustments until after an intervening election.

In March, the house added a couple other features to the senate resolution. Under the house version, if SOCC pay raises are higher than state employees' pay hikes, then a vote is required to accept them. If lower than state employees' raises, they would take effect without a legislative vote.

The house version also permits pay levels for executive, legislative and judicial branches to be considered separately instead of as a package, and adds the attorney general, secretary of state and court of appeals judges as elected officials governed by SOCC proposals.

The differing versions of similar revisions

to the pay setting process likely will be reconciled between the two chambers, and it's a good bet something will be on the ballot next year.

VOTERS ADDED the SOCC system to the state constitution in 1968 after the legislature came up with the idea, and it's never worked right.

Usually SOCC proposes higher pay for everybody, and sometimes the raises are shockingly high. That's a frequent route traveled by folks who want to spend other people's money, but have no responsibility to raise enough to pay the bills.

Only once has the legislature voted against accepting higher pay proposed by SOCC.

The whole idea of outside panels to monitor and set public salaries may be right in principle, but has proved wrong in practice.

It's been adopted by many local units of government, too, and it doesn't always

work there, either. I remember a few years back in one small Michigan city, the outside pay panel recommended no pay raise for anybody, and a couple of public officials complained because "that wasn't what they were supposed to do."

THE PREMISE THAT government always needs to pay more and more money to attract better candidates is an insult to those who have held office before, and -- if they would only stop to think about it -- an insult to every incumbent now in office.

In addition, it just doesn't work. Money never draws the best candidates for public office. If they are only after money, they won't be the best public officials.

What attracts the best people to public office is a genuine desire to serve the public, and to offer what talents they possess to make things better for their community, their state, their nation, and for other people.

The SOCC and other pay-setting panels don't give much weight to such sentiments when considering how tax money is to be spent... and that's the main reason the system is flawed.

The reforms the legislature is now considering will help in two of the most troublesome areas:

-- Requiring a positive vote to accept, instead of a negative vote to reject, any proposed pay adjustments.

-- Requiring a waiting period so pay hikes will not take effect until an election intervenes.

But these improvements fall far short of what really should be done.

The SOCC provision in the constitution should be eliminated.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Taxpayer angered over shelter board's request

To the editor,

I attended the March 28 meeting of the board of the animal shelter. This was my second meeting. I was so disgusted by the first that I had sworn not to go to another. But, I learned that these people had gone to Grayling Township and requested \$20,000. They projected a deficit for the year despite a supposed \$11,000 surplus and I had a few questions. I personally do not want these people to have one more dime of my tax money.

If I thought the first meeting was bad, I got a real education at this one. When the audience started asking questions, I heard nothing but statements I believe to be untrue from the table at the front of the room.

When asked to supply more information about the animals featured in the paper, Pat, the woman who runs the shelter, said she would have to pay attention to all of the animals. She does not have time for that. I thought the point was to know about all of the animals. How could you expect to get them homes otherwise? There is not enough room to write what all of you should know.

Now I have seen the proof of financial need that they supplied to Grayling Township. They project that they will have a deficit of nearly \$1,000 per month. It also states

that we could be faced with the animal shelter closing at the end of the year if more funding is not found. I read in the paper that Dixie had saved forty-some thousand dollars over the years. Where is that money? Have they already spent it?

When I asked how I could become a member, I was told that they could not discuss that because of the litigation. I have a problem with them wanting my tax dollars while they are denying me a membership.

This group intends to go to Beaver Creek Township and ask for money on April 10. They plan to visit the other townships as well. I encourage all of you to write your county commissioners and township supervisors; make sure you attend those meetings to make your wishes known.

I guess we can all continue to sit around and wait. Will we expect Dixie to come to our rescue once again when these people have exhausted the funds and ruined what she has worked so hard to build? Why would she after the way she has been repaid by this group and the community? I can't understand why she is still helping us and our pets. Think about it. Do something about it!

Donald D. Denton
Grayling

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Show me the money

To the editor,

This is a public response to a letter written to me by animal shelter "board" member Nancy Lemmen.

Dear Ms. Lemmen, There are several things that need to be cleared up. First, my address is noted on my membership application and if you and Mr. Burmeister could get together and remedy this error I would appreciate it. Mr. Burmeister was informed of this some time ago.

The second thing is that I am not the Chairperson of this group, even though you address me as such in your letter. Unlike other groups such as yours, we do not feel the need to have a title to know that what we are doing is right.

Your attitude about the membership issue makes me wonder just how you go about getting people to sit on your "board." Your group has announced at the meetings that they are members and, so, they belong on that "board;" and, yet, you say you have no membership list. If indeed that is the case, you have no right to conduct meetings and do business since you have put all of yourselves in the position of having transferred funds and interfered with the business of the corporation.

You have ignored all the by-laws as well as filed a lawsuit you are not in the position to file. Technically, you have no power and no rights as there are no members to elect a "board." Your group, by your definition, is nothing but private citizens who have decided that they are the best qualified to run the shelter.

The by-laws are not obscure as you stated in your letter to me on March 31, it just seems that your "board" will say and do anything it can to make yourselves feel important, and ignore the members who have supported this shelter and have met the members' eligibility requirements. You really need to sit down and read the by-laws. I can only assume that none of you have ever been involved with a corporation at any point. You do not do anything and everything you want without adhering to the rules.

Your group seems to think what it is doing is the most important thing for the animals, but then you seem to have no problem putting down cats and dogs.

Your announcement that you are going to be in the red financially by the end of the year makes me wonder who really has a problem with the running of the shelter. The subject keeps coming up that you don't have records and that is not true -- call your CPA -- he had them to file the taxes. I find it absolutely amazing that you cannot take care of finances better than what you have since January 6th. The shelter never had a deficit until 1999 when the attorney fees had to be paid on the new shelter property issue. As a matter of fact, the shelter made money and had a reserve of thousands that your group seized.

You have ignored and alienated volunteers and all the kind-hearted people who have donated. The truth is, without them, you would have no kingdom to rule. Since your group never reads or shares any of your correspondence at the meetings, I will have this published in the *Avalanche* for the benefit of all concerned.

Now, you have the idea that all the townships should contribute to this absurdity. You are getting County money and now you want to double dip on public funds. This has never been a necessity until January 6. So, where's the money and donations that were in place when you removed Dixie?

Sharon Priebe
Grayling

Michigan congressman seeks changes in pay determination

Submitted by Mike Murray
Communications Director for Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton)

After hearing testimony from pay compensation experts, State Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) said March 2 he wants changes in how pay for elected officials is determined to go to the full House this week.

Patterson said he supports the proposals before the committee he chairs, the House Oversight and Operations Committee that would require both houses of the Legislature to hold votes on the pay determinations of the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC). The proposals would not let raises take effect without a majority vote of both houses and would not apply until the next legislative term.

The lawmaker, who also is the majority floor leader, said he is interested in making changes to the laws governing how elected officials' pay is handled. One of the more significant changes Patterson said interests him is considering eliminating the uniform salary that all senators and representatives receive and establishing a range where individual legislators' salaries would be determined by objective measures of performance.

Under current law, all 148 lawmakers receive the same salary. The

Legislature does not have to vote on the SOCC's recommendations and two-thirds majorities in both houses are required to reject the raises.

"It's time for us to move some things," he said. "I think we'll look at taking action on all the constitutional measures that are there."

Patterson said the various proposals before the panel could undergo some "tweaking."

The make-up of the seven-member commission also could get a shake-up. Patterson indicated interest in having an expert in compensation and a member of the news media serve on the panel. The panel would benefit from someone who specializes in determining appropriate levels of pay. And, with the number of newspaper editorials lambasting the pay recommendations of the last SOCC -- such as 36 percent increases for legislators -- the media might be less inclined to tee off on the subject if they had someone on the inside, he said.

Rep. Patterson said he also opposed the notion raised by the SOCC that legislative and judicial pay should be looked at as a percentage of the governor's salary because that implies they are not co-equal branches of government.

From the *Michigan Report*, Report No. 42, Volume 40 dated March 2, 2001.

Domestic violence perpetrators can learn to stop hurting others

To the editor,

My name is Jeremiah. I committed a violent act towards my wife in July of last year. It is called domestic violence.

Domestic violence is a learned behavior. My definition of domestic violence is an abusive act or acts pertaining a person in or outside the household scene in an unwanted and hurtful manner, through the use of verbal gestures and physical touches.

I was arrested, jailed and fined. I attend counseling classes every week. I have gone to these classes and I have learned a million new ways to deal with myself and my anger. Once I learned to accept what I did was wrong, I started to listen, communicate and deal with my problem.

The next step for me was I had to come to the realization that nobody thinks the same and you can not control anyone except yourself. I had to

become aware of my actions. But, I waited to get help and I went to jail. I sometimes think of how fortunate I was not to have lost my family, job and friends. I am very lucky...

The final step for me was to learn a way to "unlearn" the abusive behavior. Violence can be unlearned. There are ways to express your feelings and thoughts without getting frustrated or even violent. This is probably the hardest to do. Ever since my classes, my wife is happy and I am happy. There is light at the end of the tunnel. All you have to do is try and get help before it is too late. There is no disgrace in wanting to get help. I did, and there is no disgrace.

I wanted to share this letter with people who are still committing acts of violence towards their loved ones. There is help! Please call 1-888-554-3169.

Jeremiah Kohnert
Grayling

Good forest management is necessary

To the editor,

Regarding the planned DNR reforestation project:

I am a graduate of MSU Forestry and a Certified Tree Farm owner.

In the past five years, with the help of a forester, I have had some thinning and clear cutting done to our property. The thinned-out areas have promoted new growth in our woods that was previously non-

existent. The clear-cut areas, without replanting, are now teeming with abundant new growth and wildlife.

Good forest management is necessary for the continued life of a healthy forest.

Ron Wood
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Low cost Coggins clinic for horses offered

Another low cost clinic to test horses for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hawk Hill Farm on Beaver Road. A new state law requires owners who take their horses (and others of the equine species) off of their private property to have proof of test results for this incurable fatal disease. Cases of EIA have reached as far north as Clare and the state is attempting to stop the disease from proliferation similar to the bovine tuberculosis problem. Poor weather caused some scheduled for the previous clinic to postpone testing. Owners are encouraged to reschedule. Cost of the test is \$15 per animal. Call Dixie Lobsinger at (517) 348-9178 for more information and to make an appointment.

Conservancy group to meet in Gaylord

The Headwaters Conservancy will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 at the DNR Office Conference Room, 1732 M-32 West in Gaylord. This a change from the group's usual Mio location, arranged to facilitate attendance at the group's "Otsego County Outreach." Tom Bailey, executive director of the Little Traverse Conservancy, will explain various aspects of the challenge grant Headwaters has accepted. All current directors and prospective new board members should attend. For additional information, call (517) 826-5714 or (517) 275-8951.

Beyond the Garden Wall to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall -- Grayling's Federated Garden Club -- meets Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Spring refurbishment of gardens will be discussed as well as projects planned for the coming months. Club President Cathy Frey welcomes members and others interested in a day visit to Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids to call her at 348-2045. Tentative dates are April 7 or April 8. For more information, call Thelma Holland at 348-2405.

Frederic weather sirens to be tested

The Frederic Township Fire Department, in conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week will be testing its warning siren on April 5 starting at 6 p.m. The testing schedule will be as follows: 1) 6 p.m. daily siren test; 2) Fire Siren (repetitively steady build up); 3) Tornado Warning (same as 6 p.m.); 4) Nuclear Attack/Hazardous Materials Release (Hi-Lo); 5) All Clear (same as 6 p.m. siren for 15 seconds). Individuals having questions about the test should contact the Frederic Township Fire Department at 348-8190.

Youth Bureau offers Little League funds

The AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau still has some Youth Recreation Assistance Funding available. Families who are TANF eligible and need financial assistance with paying Little League or Pony League sign up fees, are invited to call the Youth Service Bureau at 348-2841 ext. 262 or stop by the office located in the St. Francis Human Resource Center on M-72 West after 4 p.m. on any work day and the staff will be happy to help. Little Leaguers requesting financial assistance must make their requests on or before April 20, 2001.

Habitat for Humanity to recognize helpers

Crawford County Habitat for Humanity will hold its First Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, April 19. Habitat does not wish to leave out any volunteer that has helped. Anyone who has worked at any of the Habitat building sites and/or helped with fund raising and has not received an invitation through the mail and would like to attend the dinner, should call Val at 348-4376 by April 11 for reservations.

Sheriff to attend South Branch meeting

Sheriff Dave Lovely will be attending the South Branch Township meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to attend. The sheriff will be present throughout the meeting and, if necessary, will remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Youth Booster raffle winners announced

Grayling Youth Booster Club raffle winners of \$25 each for the weekly drawing held April 1 are Kimberly Curtis, S. Kanachki, and Nancy Roof.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during April 4, 2001 through April 10, 2001:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Bombing and strafe

Cheboygan site of weekend home show

It is springtime and with the season comes home improvements. The Cheboygan "Home Show 2001," sponsored by the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce, Straits Area Builders and Air Bear Travel, Inc., will begin Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and continue on Sunday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be held at the Cheboygan Ice Pavilion, 480 Cleveland Avenue. Over 78 home improvement, building and decorating exhibits will be featured, along with opportunities to win a round-trip to Las Vegas. (Entrants must be at least 21 years old.)

Admission to Home Show 2001 is \$2. For more information, call the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 627-7183 or 1-800-968-3302.

Purple pal pays visit



Photo courtesy of Mercy Hospital Grayling

A very special guest, who calls himself "Barney" recently stopped by Mercy Hospital Grayling. While at the hospital, Barney paid a special visit to patient Haley Kocefas. Although he didn't stay very long, Barney sure put a smile on Haley's face.

Wellington Farm Park to offer free classes

This spring, Wellington Farm Park will be offering a class in Historical and Natural Interpretation. The class is being offered free of charge as part of the farm park's Community Service Program. The class will be held on Tuesday evening's beginning April 17.

Classes will be held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in downtown Grayling.

The class is being offered as a result of requests from Wellington Farm Park volunteers who are interested in learning techniques of interpretation so they can be more effective while volunteering at the Living History Farm. Any person interest-

ed in learning about interpreting is cordially invited to attend the class.

There is no charge for tuition or materials. Classes will begin at 7 p.m. and last for about two hours. High school and middle school students are invited to attend the class, also.

Topics to be covered during the six week class session include, "What is Interpretation?" "Planning the Interpretive Experience," "Developing Your Interpretive Style" and "Interpretive Techniques." Interested persons may register for the class by calling Wellington Farm Park at (517) 348-5187. Class size is limited to 24.

Knights get on a 'Roll' with 'Tootsie' sale

The annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive is planned for April 6 and 7 on the streets of Grayling.

Eighty percent of proceeds from local Tootsie Roll Drive purchases will stay here and benefit community service projects in the Grayling area.

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The Bible Speaks

Ashcroft the Jew

Michael Ledeen wrote an article carried by a conservative Jewish website entitled, "Ashcroft the Jew." Ledeen in his first paragraph stated: "JOHN ASHCROFT now knows what it feels like to be a Jew, for his tormentors in the Senate have slamed him with the oldest and most disgusting anti-Semitic slander: the accusation of dual loyalty. One after another, the anti-Ashcroft Democrats have accused him of harboring beliefs that they do not share, and that they consider anti-American, and they have insinuated that these beliefs will prevent him from being a fair and just attorney general." Ledeen said we should be ashamed of them and "brand them as bigots, unworthy of high office."

Ledeen concluded in paragraph four, "It is a primal scream from radical secularists who cringe at the sight of a person of faith, for they want all such persons — and their core beliefs — banned from the public square, driven from the schools, censored on the pages of the intellectual journals and the evening news broadcasts. They have convinced themselves, and a majority of the chatters and scribblers, that the Constitution is an anti-religious tract, and that religious people are dangerous to the survival of the republic."

Ledeen accurately reminded us, "They

are wrong. Indeed, their tirades against Ashcroft's religiosity are in direct violation of Article 6 of the Constitution, which says: "No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States...." "No religious test" means just that," Ledeen said. "The anti-religion crowd in the Senate, and their fellow provocateurs in the media and the academy are the real foes of Americanism."

Ledeen quoted Alexis de Tocqueville, the most profound student of American democracy, who wrote nearly two hundred years ago: "(Religion) is more needed in democratic republics than in any others. How is it possible that society should escape destruction if the moral tie is not strengthened in proportion as the political tie is relaxed? And what can be done with a people who are their own masters if they are not submissive to the Deity?" Ledeen reminded us that Americans should be pleased to have people of religious faith in high positions of government.

We quoted Ledeen extensively because we wanted you to know that orthodox Judeo-Christianity shares a common faith in defense of freedom from religious persecution. Zionism in Israel has been publicly branded by the United Nations as a form of international

"racism." The United States of America has been widely discriminated against because of our Christian faith and roots. It is the Bible which gave both Jews and Christians our faith in the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The strong faith of Joseph did not prevent him from becoming the most popular leader under the Pharaoh of Egypt. The strong faith of Daniel did not prevent him from becoming the most popular leader in the first two world empires, Babylon and Media-Persia. Neither should the strong faith of John Ashcroft prevent him from becoming a great Attorney General in these United States of America. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church. Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html> We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Ministerial group sponsors Jesus Video Project

The Jesus Video Project, which has placed a free copy of the JESUS video into over 11 million homes, is coming to Crawford County. Sponsored locally by the Crawford County Ministerial Association, the project will place the video in every household in the county in July of this year.

The JESUS film has been seen by hundreds of millions of people around the world, and has been translated into over 670 languages. Made in 1979 under the sponsorship of Campus Crusade for Christ International, it has been shown in churches and theaters, on the side of garages and on suspended bed sheets from the major cities of the world to the most distant reaches of third-world countries.

Since 1993, in video form, it has been distributed freely in many parts of the world. Last fall 145,000 copies were distributed, reaching every household in the Upper Peninsula.

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Interested citizens, churches, and

organizations in Crawford County will finance the local project. Distribution to every household in the county will cost about \$18,000. Corporate sponsors are welcome as well. Donations may be sent to: Jesus Video Project P.O. Box 296 Grayling, MI 49738. For more information call Pastor Patricia Petrie (517) 348-1278 or Rick Warzywak at (517) 785-3045.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at 517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King.

April 4 - Brown steak/ Spanish rice; 10 a.m. Exercises; 11 a.m. Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m. Stag Cards; 11 a.m. Film on basic skills for control of diabetes; 5:30 p.m. Wendy's bingo.

April 5 - Porcupine meatballs/ BBQ beef; 11 a.m. to 12 noon Blood Pressure and sugars taken; 1 p.m. Pinochle Club; Taxes done for the last time from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and call for an appointment; 5:30 p.m. Cardo.

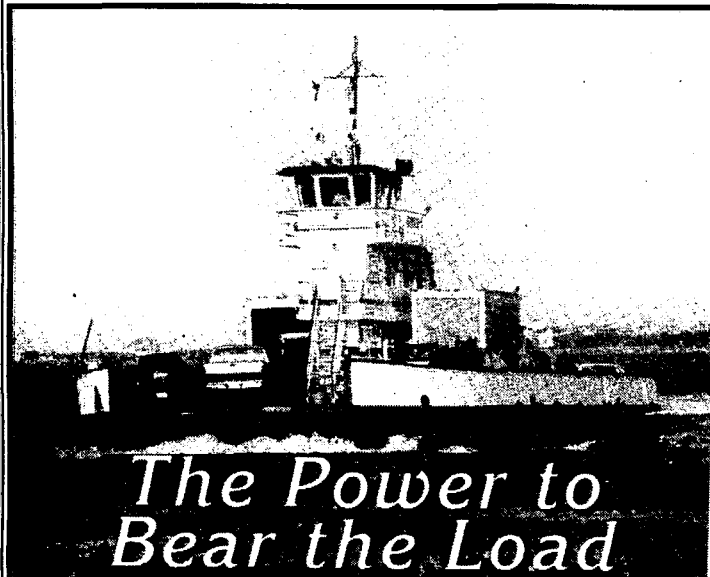
April 6 - Pork Chops/no dinner; 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and 80 cent rummy.

April 9 - Wiener Schnitzel/ Goulash; 10 a.m. Gripes and Gab Club; 12 noon Stag Cards; 1 p.m. Bridge Club; 5:30 Hangman.

April 10 - Special Easter dinners at 12 noon and 5 p.m. with dancing in between to the music of Tina Kennedy. Call for reservations 348-7123 or (888) 355-4500; 1 p.m. Euchre Club.

April 11 - Hawaiian ham/ Swiss steak; 10 a.m. Exercises; 11 a.m. Line Dancing; 12:30 Stag Cards; Commodities distributed at the Eagle's Club between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. only; Birthday dinner and White Elephant Auction beginning at 5 p.m.

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Likewise, God has created us with the strength to bear life's burden if we trust in His workmanship. Ephesians 2:8-10 explains this... "For by grace you have been saved through faith... it is the gift of God... for we are His workmanship."

As a ferry must refuel to maintain power, we must replenish our spirit with daily prayer and weekly worship as we learn more of God's power from His Holy Word. Visit your local church or synagogue this week. He who created you will sustain you. No burden is too heavy for God.

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| Philippians 1:1-30 | Philippians 2:1-11 | Philippians 2:12-30 | Philippians 3:1-4:1 | Philippians 4:2-23 | Isaiah 52:1-12 | Isaiah 52:13-53:12 |

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Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
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Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
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Sunday Worship 11 am
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

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Pastor Wayne Knockel
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Sunday School 9:15 am
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Pastors Lacey and Carol Stephan
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Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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Rev. V. Schaap
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Family Mass 10:00 am
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Pastor Dale Hammond
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Morning Worship 11 am
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Wednesday Evening 7 pm

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Morning Praise 10:30 am
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Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday) 6:45 pm

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Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Center
Terry Dickinson, Minister
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Sunday Services 10:30 am
Sunday School 10:30 am

Westminster-By-The-Lake
Higgins Lake - (just east of Ralph MacMullan Conference Center)
Sunday Outdoor Chapel Worship 11 am

OBITUARIES

Leslie R. Elmy

April 29, 1927 - March 27, 2001
Leslie R. Elmy, 73, of Grayling died in his home on March 27.

Leslie was born April 29, 1927 in Pontiac to Robert and Hilda (Thome) Elmy. He was married to Onna L. Adams December 7, 1946 in Pontiac.

Mr. Elmy moved to Grayling in 1972, from Pontiac where he was employed with the Road Commission for 12 years; he started out as a mechanic and then a heavy equipment operator. He retired from the Crawford County Road Commission in April of 1990. Leslie also served his country in the Navy during WW II. Mr. Elmy also enjoyed traveling during his retirement.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one son, John Elmy in 1988, one sister and four brothers.

Survivors include: his wife, Onna Elmy; three daughters, Christine Elmy of Garland, Texas, Lorena (James) Thompson of New Jersey, Bonnie (Michael) Bauer of Tucson, Arizona; two sons, James Elmy of Pontiac and Kelly (Shelly) Elmy of Grayling; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister, Barbara (Clayton) DeHaven of Florida and one brother, John Wesley Elmy of Hale.

A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials can be made to Mercy Amicare Hospice of Grayling.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

George A. Hanson

April 2, 1917 - April 1, 2001

George A. Hanson, 83, of Grayling died on Sunday, April 1, 2001 at Mercy Manor in Grayling.

He was born on April 2, 1917 in Grayling, the son of Hans Waldemar "Walter" and Hulda (Karlson) Hanson. On July 16, 1958 in Boyne City, he married Hazel M. Lanning.

George served in the United States Army 8th Air Force during World War II. He drove truck for Tufts Parts Store in Grayling for 15 years delivering home heating oil to local homes. He retired in 1977.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel on July 31, 1991; three sisters, Ingeborg Libcke, Agnes Hanson and Ann Hanson; one son-in-law, C. Edgar Barrett; and one brother-in-law, John Libcke.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 9, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in Mancelona. Rev. Kathy Steen of the Mancelona United Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will be in Chapman Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Monday April 9 from 1 p.m. until service time.

Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association.

Betty L. Worden

Dec. 2, 1935 - March 28, 2001

Betty L. Worden, 65, of Grayling died March 28 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Betty was born to Forest and Florence (Goodrich) Plowman in St. John's on December 2, 1935. On March 12, 1966 she married Duane Worden in Grayling, where she has lived since 1960.

Mrs. Worden worked for the State of Michigan Department of Social Services as a caseworker until her retirement in October 1991 with 26 years of service. Betty worked as a coach for the Youth Bowling League and also enjoyed bowling herself. She also enjoyed reading, flower gardening and craft shows. She was a member and working supporter of the Grayling Youth Boosters Club, and served on the board and later as secretary.

Preceding her in death were her parents and one brother, Robert Plowman.

Survivors include: her husband, Duane Worden; one daughter, Kathy (Jeff) Owen of Columbia, Tennessee; one sister, Barbara (Lyle) Sumerix of Buchanan; one brother, Roy (Joyce) Plowman of Lansing; one sister-in-law, Eunice Cosper of Mulliken; and several very special nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials in her name can be made to the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

Judith Ann Morey

Oct. 30, 1945 - March 16, 2001

Judith Ann Morey, 55, formerly of Grayling died March 16, 2001.

Mrs. Morey was born October 30, 1945 to Robert L. and Dorothy M. McDowell. After graduating from school she married Roger N. Morey, December 16, 1967.

Mr. Morey served in the United States Army and they were assigned various places in the United States and Europe. After 20 years in the service they retired to Grayling, and in November 2000 to Texas.

She is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDowell; husband Roger N. Morey; two daughters, Angela Dawn Morey and Rebecca Lynne Morey all of Texas; one son Joseph N. Morey of Michigan; two brothers, Michael McDowell of Michigan and Richard McDowell of Arizona; three sisters Patricia McLaughlin and Sara Burzynski of Michigan and Jane Finkbeiner of Florida; and three grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Mercy Amicare Hospice for the care of Les and a special thanks to Fran and Jenny.

Family of Les Elmy

Ireta T. Mathis

Feb. 9, 1921 - March 29, 2001

Ireta T. Mathis, 80, a longtime resident of Kalkaska, died Thursday, March 29 at the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center.

Born in Lake City on February 9, 1921, Ireta was the daughter of Martin and Pearl Clapper Wolverton. On August 10, 1944, in Cadillac, she was married to Cleelon "Click" Mathis, who preceded her in death on November 3, 1978.

Mrs. Mathis resided in Cadillac until 1962 when she moved to Kalkaska. She was formerly employed by B.F. Goodrich Co. and as a cook at the Kalkaska Public schools. She was an active member of the Kalkaska Church of Christ and the Sunshine Guild. She enjoyed music, nature, her family and church activities.

Preceding her in death were her husband; two sons, Don and Kenneth; and two grandchildren, Brenda and Regina.

Survivors include: two sons, Steve (Patti) Mathis of Kalkaska and Bill (Barb) Mathis of Watford City, North Dakota; a daughter, Deanna (Dan) Sattler of Grayling; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 1 at the Kalkaska Church of Christ. Jeff Badger officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Kalkaska.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Specialty Unit of Kalkaska Memorial Health Center or to Lowell Mason Ministries Russian Bible Fund.

In memory of...

Emma "Toots" Muth - Moggo
Well mom its been a year on March 31, 2000, we lost you and we sure do miss you and love you. We also miss your big smile and sitting across the table playing cards with you. We know you are in God's hands and have no more pain. We will always be thinking of you.

Love

Tom, Bob, Ellen and Mary

Card of Thanks

From the family of Betty Worden

We would like to thank all of our wonderful family and friends for their support in our time of loss. The prayers, visits, phone calls, food, cards, flowers and wonderful stories were greatly appreciated and helped us more than you'll know. We couldn't have made it through this difficult time without your love and concern. We are truly blessed to have you all.

We would also like to thank Dr.'s Kornelli and Kiani and the staff of the Critical Care Unit at Mercy Hospital for the wonderful care they provided.

Thank you also to Dean Meyering at Sorenson Funeral Home for his help and genuine concern.

Lastly, we would like to thank Dr. George James for his continuous over the last few years. You were more than just a doctor to her. She thought the world of you... and so do we.

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Ace and Kathy

In memory of...

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April 5, 1993

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Shelter board asks township for funding

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records to animal population; some state improvements made and some offer suggestions for improvements.

The ASCC used budget comparisons of Crawford County's shelter to those in neighboring counties. Three counties used were Kalkaska, Otsego and Roscommon -- all county-run dog pounds, employing full-time certified animal control officers.

For the first time ever, the ASCC employs two part time workers at an estimated cost of \$23,319 annually. Prior to these recent hires, work was performed by an all volunteer force under the direction of a volunteer director.

Crawford's facility is utilized on a limited basis by the county ACO and is considered a shelter by United States Department of Agriculture designation made in 1992. A "shelter" designation allows for a more relaxed euthanasia policy, allowing more time for adoptions before an animal may be destroyed.

According to the report given to Grayling Township, Crawford's

shelter ran on a budget in 2000 of \$29,000 while the others had budget ranging from \$71,000 to \$121,000.

The ASCC also provided "Financial Projections for 2001," from estimates based on information from last year and the current year. They base the requested amount on the estimated amount of dogs and cats cared for at the shelter originating from Grayling Township. The ASCC estimates that 40% to 60% of the animals at the shelter come from Grayling Township. The \$6,000 for a six-month contract with the County is considered in the estimate, averaging out to about \$2,000 more in funding over 2000.

The projection states, "we cannot estimate the increased cost to the shelter resulting from the animals and care that must be provided as a result of the operations of the Crawford County Animal Control Officer." There may be no increased cost as the Sheriff's Department and Grayling Police Department brought animals to the shelter for many years when there was no ACO or additional govern-

ment funding.

The ASCC told the trustees they are using many tools to increase adoption rates, including making physical improvements to the building, advertising and web site promotions.

The report states: "There are no allowances (in the budget) for any major improvements to the shelter building and grounds -- a significant need. Any new shelter would be more expensive to operate."

In February, the ASCC reported it had over \$82,000 in funds on hand, some of which were designated for a new building project.

The report to the township concludes with the statement, "In conclusion, it is doubtful that the Animal Shelter can continue to operate after the end of this year. Depending on unknown conditions, it may exhaust funds before that time without additional contributions."

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said that regardless of who runs the shelter, the community should help with its funding. He said his board may consider the ASCC's request when preparing the township's 2001/2002 budget, in case this is more than a one-time request, but would not speculate on

| ASCC Projected Cash Flow Year 2001 | |
|---|---------------|
| Beginning Operating Fund Balance 11,213 | |
| Income | |
| Crawford County | 12,000 |
| Contributions/Memorials | 3,800 |
| Shelter Operations | 16,100 |
| Total Income | 31,800 |
| Total Available Funds | 42,813 |
| Expenses | |
| Wages & FICA/med | 23,319 |
| Printing/Newsprint | 200 |
| Supplies/Reprints | 1,300 |
| Shelter Refunds | 1,075 |
| Vet Services | 1,500 |
| Insurance | 1,300 |
| Postage/Fees/Supplies | 600 |
| Professional Fees | 600 |
| Repairs | 1,000 |
| Supplies | |
| Cleaning | 900 |
| Food/Liter | 5,280 |
| Other | 800 |
| Utilities | 2,500 |
| Telephone | 1,300 |
| Total Expenses | 42,894 |
| Deficit At End of 2001 | (141) |
| Average Income per Month | 2,650 |
| Average Expenditures per Month | 3,580 |
| Average Deficit Per Month | (946) |

the outcome of the consideration.

Members of the animal shelter board plan on approaching the remaining five townships in the County. They will visit the Beaver Creek Township Board during its regular meeting on April 10 at 7 p.m. to ask them to help fund the care of its share of animals lodged at the shelter.

Justice Dept. clears Sheriff

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occurred for reasons unrelated to the receipt of the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant funding, citing the 1998/99 County budget cuts as the cause for a 10 percent cut in the Sheriff's budget.

Documentation provided by the County and Sheriff, including meeting minutes and audit reports, were enough to convince the Department of Justice the County was in "financial distress and that the reduction-in-force would have occurred irrespective of the receipt of COPS funds."

The COPS grant funding began when former President Bill Clinton set a goal of putting 100,000 more police officers on the streets of the United States.

"The smoke has cleared," said Lovely, "and you can see, everything was done legitimately."

Use 989 starting April 7

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and other documents may need to be updated and re-ordered if not already accomplished. Friends, relatives and business associates will also need to be notified of the change.

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Anyone with questions regarding the area code change and locations affected may call Verizon at 1-800-483-4000 (residential customers) or 1-800-483-5000 (business customers).

Maple Forest appoints treasurer

The Maple Forest Township Board has a new treasurer.

At a special meeting held on Tuesday, March 27, the board appointed Denise Babbitt to the treasurer position, replacing Debra Armstrong, who recently resigned.

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Gary Puckett to perform at Kirtland Center

American music legend, Gary Puckett, will perform at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, April 21, and is sure to bring back some melodic memories for the "baby boomer" generation.

Puckett has performed on more than 30 network television shows and prime time specials during his career, including the "Tonight Show," "Nashville Now," and even adding a command performance for the President and Prince Charles at the White House.

In 1968, Gary Puckett and the Union Gap had six consecutive gold records and sold more records than any other recording act, including the "Beatles." The band was one of a very select group of touring acts to achieve prominence world wide during the '60s. The Union Gap disbanded in the '70s.

In 1974, *Young Girl* was reissued in England where it received a silver record award for attaining a top five position on the pop charts, several years after its initial release.

Throughout the '80s and '90s, Puckett continued to tour internationally and nationally, performing over 150 concerts per year.

Singer/songwriter Puckett has attained international music acclaim with his vocal power and artistry. To date, his combined CD, tape and record sales exceed 25 million. His greatest hits include *Young Girl*, *This Girl is a Woman Now*, *Over You*, *Woman Woman*, *Lady Willpower* and *Don't Give Into Him*. Puckett's *Greatest Hits* and *Looking Glass* albums have consistently been two of Sony's best selling "Collector Series Albums."

On Saturday, April 21, Puckett and his new band will be performing many of his old and new hits on stage at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College. For ticket reservations, call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777 or log on to: www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/~kcpa-home/

GHS drama alumnus lands role in college stage production

Colby Davis, a 2000 Grayling High School graduate and avid drama participant while at the high school, has earned a role in an Adrian College production.

Davis will portray the first lawyer, and the rider from the capital in the Adrian College Theatre Department's production of "Caucasian Chalk Circle," scheduled to show April 4-7 in the Downs

Hall Theatre at the down-state college.

The epic fable full of humor and adventure was written by Bertolt Brecht, one of the most influential dramatists of the 20th century. In a highly unusual and imaginative way, it speaks to the universal question of good and evil while specifically dealing with the question of the custody of one small child.

The play will show in Downs Hall Theatre Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and \$3 for students and seniors.

Colby, a freshman planning to major in psychology, is the daughter of Alton and Sandra Davis of Grayling.

Card of Thanks

Corrine and Dawn,
Thank you for the plant and the money tree. I will spend the money wisely. (Ha, Ha) You guys are so funny.

Diane,
Thank you so much for taking time away from your job to escort me to the hospital, and for holding my hand during the IV insertion. I felt a whole lot better just knowing you guys make some of the parts for that thing! Also thanks for the soup it was awesome. I hope if I ever get sick you will make me some again.

Joan and Mr. Peters,
Thank you for the good luck crazy man. He really does work. Also for staying with me through the whole time from beginning to end. Joan you really are like a mother to me, beside being a very good friend and Mr. "P" you know you have to be a saint to be able to be with two crazy women for that much time in one sitting, and without a little libation even to keep you sane. You are still sane aren't you?

Dawn, Marie and Megan,
Thank you for the nice get well cards and for the great dinner. You are definitely my family and I love you guys!

Love to all of you,
Mary

A great big thank you goes to David and Anthony for putting up with me... we've only just begun!
Love you guys

Card of Thanks

Dr. Goetz, Dr. Winkler, Nurses and Staff,

Thank you for the wonderful care I received before, during and after my surgery. You all know what a chicken I am and you coped with my annoying fears extremely well. I as a lifetime resident of Grayling was very impressed with my care at Grayling Mercy Hospital. I cannot express my heartfelt thanks to all of you enough... And I didn't feel a thing! Whew!

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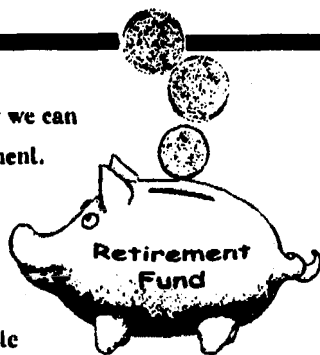
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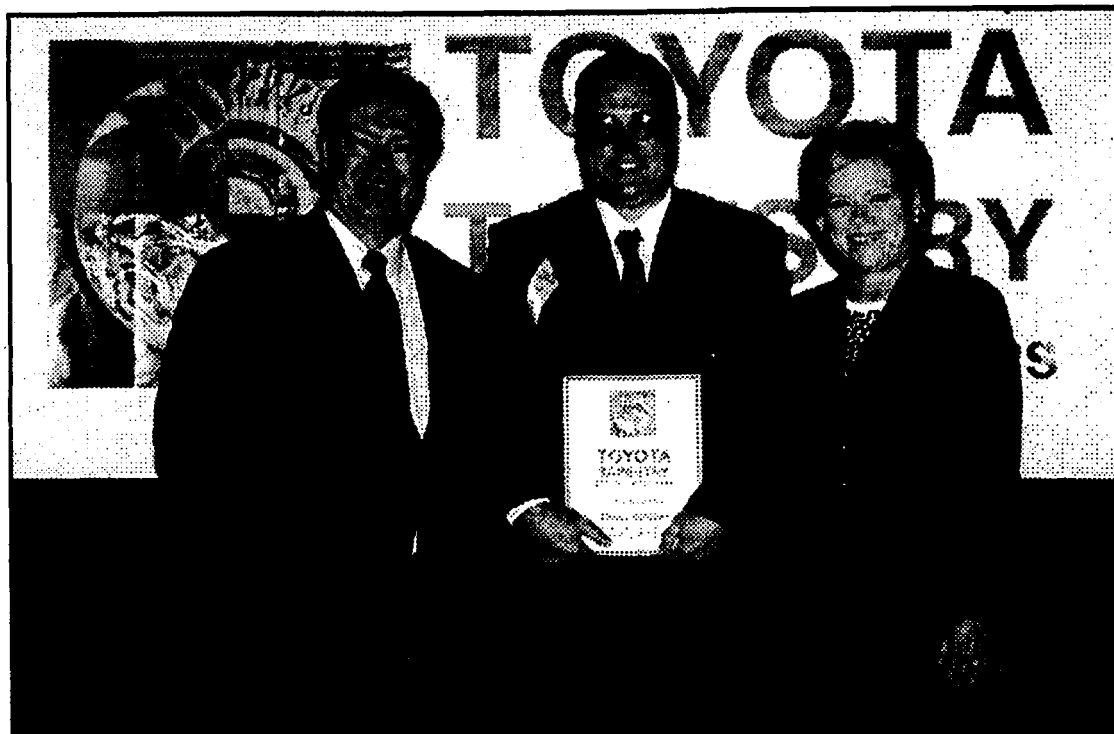
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GHS science teacher's vision leads to large grant

At a time when education is receiving unprecedented attention from our nation's capital, Toyota is helping change the face of education one town at a time. Via the Toyota TAPESTRY program, the company is rewarding educators who have demonstrated excellence, creativity and vision in their approach to teaching environmental and physical science with grants to fund innovative classroom projects.

At the top of this year's winners list is science teacher Chuck Schepke of Grayling High School, who has been awarded a Toyota TAPESTRY grant of nearly \$10,000 for his project titled, "Making Sense of Sensors." For 11 years now, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. has provided TAPESTRY grant funding.

Schepke has been teaching high school science for seven years. He has found that the best results are achieved by teaching science through real-life applications and "hands-on" experiences. Using a vocational approach to teaching science, Schepke has "seen students who would not write, write... (and those) who did not care much about math, try to learn math because they saw how it was used in real world context." The ultimate goal of Schepke's proposed project is to teach inner-city children (that he fears may slip through the cracks), skills and technology of the real world. As the work place edges into a high tech world, Schepke seeks to de-mystify technology through this



Chuck Schepke (center), project director of "Making Sense of Sensors" at Grayling High School, was awarded a Toyota TAPESTRY grant to support the science project. Presenting the award were (left) Gerry Wheeler, Executive Director of the National Science Teachers Association and (right) Gloria Jahn, Corporate Manager of Corporate Affairs for Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.

project.

The project will infuse many different aspects of real-life situations in the workplace and home. It will also give students (especially girls) who would not normally take vocationally oriented courses to learn physics in a "hands-on" laboratory atmosphere while encouraging them

to practice science outside of school.

As they study sensor and detector circuits, students will learn about and apply microprocessor based control systems by interfacing electronics through a data acquisition board to old discarded computers. As a final project students will

design and build an electronic device to be entered in the Michigan Industrial and Technological Education Society competition. Ultimately, Schepke wants to bring science and technology into a realm that can be understood, sparking interest in students and possibly opening doors to future careers.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Lynn Welch an unmarried man (original mortgagor) to Sterling Lending Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1999, and recorded on February 9, 2000 in Liber 501, on Page 144, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by meane assignments to Residential Mortgage Services of Texas, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated February 29, 2000, which was recorded on May 2, 2000, in Liber 507, on Page 93, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 96/100 dollars (\$29,749.96), including interest at 11.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 4.5 and 6, Block 2, of Brown and Johnson Addition to the Village of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 21, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 29, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200017365

-29-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracy A. Chouinard aka Tracy A. Renaud a married woman and Benedict E. Chouinard her husband (original mortgagors) to Delta Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 30, 1999, and recorded on May 28, 1999 in Liber 482, on Page 379, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank One National Association, as trustee, aka The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee in Trust for the registered holders of Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1999-2, c/o Delta Funding Corporation, as Servicing Agent, Assignee by an assignment dated May 1, 2000, which was recorded on August 8, 2000, in Liber 514, on Page 169, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 91/100 dollars (\$64,841.91), including interest at 12.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 2, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said, Section 11, thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes East along the North Section line of said Section 11, to the center line of Old State Highway U.S. 27 for point of beginning, thence continuing North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East 260.74 feet, thence South 07 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds East 178.90 feet, thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West 260.74 feet to the center line of Old State Highway U.S. 27, thence North 07 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West along the center line of said highway 178.90 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such

sale.
Dated: March 22, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1310
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30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200016010

-22-29-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Malady, a single man, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 7, 1998 and recorded October 2, 1998 in Liber 464, Page 356-365, Crawford County Records said mortgage is now held by First Union National Bank, as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Series 2000-BC3, without recourse, by assignment dated August 13, 1998 and submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 55/100 Dollars (\$37,458.55) including interest at the rate of 9.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 25, 2001.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 132 feet of the Northwest corner of NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 3; thence South 330 feet; thence East 229.5 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence West 229.5 feet to the point of beginning, Section 3, T26N, R2W.

The redemption period shall be 6 months can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.
Dated: March 22, 2001
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for First Union National Bank,
as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Series 2000-BC3, without recourse.
As Mortgagee
2501 Rochester Court

Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000
File No. 221.0001

-22-29-5-12-19

STATUTORY NOTICE (BY PERSON CLAIMING TITLE UNDER TAX DEED)

To the owner of any and all interests in or liens upon the property described:

"Take Notice": Sale was lawfully made of the following described property for unpaid taxes on that property, and that the undersigned has title to the property under tax deed or deeds issued for the property. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this property within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the property is located, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as for personal service of a summons on commencing a civil action, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the property.

Description of property State of Michigan, County of Crawford:
Lot 96 010-14-151-00-00-00, Lovells Township, Creekview #2, Town 28, Range 1W, S127.92, taxes for years 1995, 1997, 1998 and 1999.

This parcel is not an improved residential parcel.
Warbler's Hideaway Association
2704 Lovells Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738

To: Thomas Allen, 66 Beard Road, Roundup, MT 59072-6630, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such property or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

I do hereby certify and return, that the within Notice was delivered to me for service on the 12th day of March 2001, and that after careful inquiry, which has been continued from that time until this date, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of 66 Beard Road, Roundup, MT 59072-6630.

Dated March 26, 2001
Christina M. Bassett
Confidential Secretary to Sheriff of said County.

-5-12-19-26

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 15, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200113993

-15-22-29-5-12

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David R. Shriver and Teresa L. Shriver, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Midwest Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 11, 1996, and recorded on October 16, 1996 in Liber 419, on page 437, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by meane assignments to BA Mortgage, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of America N.A.) successor in interest by merger of Nationsbank Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated March 2, 1997, which was recorded on April 23, 1997, in Liber 428, on Page 368, Crawford County Records, and re-recorded on May 27, 1997, in Liber 430, on Page 396, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 89/100 dollars (\$84,499.89), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 46, Sherwood Forest #2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 15, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200024247

-22-29-5-12-19

NOTICE

The Grayling City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, April 9, 2001, 7:30 pm at the Grayling Middle School to discuss a proposal to lower the height of the Millpond Dam. The public is invited to provide input on this important proposal.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk
Posted 4-02-01

NOTICE

The Grayling City Council has scheduled a Public hearing on Monday, April 9, 2001, 7:30 pm at the Grayling Middle School to receive public input regarding a proposed ordinance to establish a planning commission. A copy of this proposed ordinance is available at the Grayling City hall, 5688 M-72 West between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk
Posted 4-02-01

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, May 10, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following items:

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Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Motorgrader Slope Control". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 00-5255-CJH

Duane Lamotte and Brenda Lamotte, husband and wife, Plaintiffs,

v.
David Aitken, Defendant.

Monte J. Burmeister P48732

The Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC

108 E. Michigan Ave., P.O. Box 585

Grayling, MI 49738

PH: 517-348-7114

Default Judgement for Foreclosure

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 7 day of March, 2001.

Present: Honorable Alton T. Davis, Circuit Court Judge.

Based upon the filing of Plaintiff's Affidavit of Publication, and Defendant not filing an answer within the 28 days in accordance with the Affidavit of Publication and the court being fully apprised in the premises, now therefore.

It is ordered and adjudged: that there is due to the Plaintiff herein by virtue of a default in land contract between the Plaintiff and the Defendant mentioned and set forth in said Complaint for Foreclosure the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and 91/100 (\$5,738.91), including interest through February 28, 2001, of \$286.90 and other allowable costs of \$239.71, and that said Defendant has not paid said sum or any part thereof and further that said Defendant is personally liable for the payment thereof; and

It is ordered and adjudged: that said defendant pay or cause to be paid to the Plaintiffs herein the entire amount of the unpaid balance of said Land Contract as set forth in the preceding paragraph, together with any other amounts due and owing to the Plaintiffs for payment of costs and expenses of this action twenty-one (21) days from the date of entry; and

It is ordered and adjudged: that if payment in full of the aforesaid balance as set forth above and costs of this action are not forthcoming from the Defendant to Plaintiffs herein, said Defendant shall deliver to Plaintiffs herein the premises so described in Paragraph three (3) of the Complaint for Foreclosure, that said premises in said Complaint in this action be sold at public auction by or under the direction of the Crawford County Clerk at any time after the date of March 30, 2001, and that said same be made in the County of Crawford.

It is further ordered and adjudged: that the Crawford County Clerk execute a deed to the purchaser or purchasers of said land and premises on the said sale; and the said Crawford County Clerk, out of the proceeds of said sale pay to Plaintiffs or Plaintiff's Attorney, costs in this suit to be taxed, and also the amount so ordered to be due as aforesaid, and the interest thereon at the legal rate from the date of this Judgment, or so much thereof as the amount realized from the sale of the premises as aforesaid will pay the same; and that said County Clerk, take receipt for the amount paid and file the same with report of such sale of her doings thereon; and that the Crawford County Clerk bring the surplus monies arising from said sale, if any there be, into this Court without delay to abide to the further order of this Court.

It is ordered and adjudged: that after the date of such sale, the purchaser or purchasers of the said described land and premises at such sale be let in possession or so much thereof as shall not have been redeemed; and that any of the parties to this cause who may be in possession of said premises; or any part thereof, or any person who since the commencement of this suit have come into possession under them or either of them, deliver possession thereof to such purchaser or purchasers and a certified copy of the order confirming the report of sale after such order has become absolute and such deed has become operative.

It is further ordered and adjudged: that the property authorized to be sold under and by virtue of this Judgment so far as the same can be ascertained from the Complaint for Foreclosure in this action are situated in the Township of Frederic County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to-wit:

Parcel 4: Being a part of the W1/2 section 24, T28N, R4W, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: commencing at the N1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence SO'28'30"E along the N & S 1/4 line, 1991.34 feet for point of beginning; thence continuing SO'28'30"E along said 1/4 line, 663.78 feet; thence N89'46'45"W along the E & W 1/4 line, 670.79 feet; thence NO'34'45"W, 664.21 feet; thence S89'44'37"E, 671.97 feet to point of beginning and contains 10.22 acres of land. Subject to a 33.0 foot easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities over the Easterly portion thereof.

The grantor grants to the grantee the right to make unlimited division(s) under Section 108 of the Land Division Act, Act No. 288 of Public Acts of 1967.

It is further ordered and adjudged: that the sale price of said premises as public auction shall not be less than the sum of \$5,738.91.

It is ordered,

Dated 3/7/01
Honorable Alton T. Davis
Circuit Court Judge
P-24472

-5-12-19

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 12th
day of March 2001

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Hayes, Palmer, Wyman, Brown, Banda.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk, Mary Raymond, Connie Monson, Dan Nowak, Bernard Yantz, Tim Petrosky, Roger Moshier, Scott Tilford, Bob Butzin, Caleb Casey, Curly LaMotte, Terry McGregor, Al Somero, Dennis Palmer.

01-27
Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes that the minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2001 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing, None.

Communications were received and noted.

a. Police Department report for February 2001.

b. Police letter regarding junk, junk vehicles and enforcement sent to the City Attorney, Chief Schreiner has not received any reply from the Department of Treasury, we do have a contract in place that is sufficient for the time being.

c. DNR letter regarding the Grayling Tree Project. Mary Raymond and Michele Moshier have researched and obtained a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Administration Division in the amount of \$8,640.00 for planting of trees.

01-28
Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to appoint D.J. Brown as the authorized person to sign the grant agreement for the City of Grayling for a grant in the amount of \$8,640.00 for tree planting. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. NE Michigan Building Strategic Partnerships Update. This is for information and needs no action taken.

e. Letter from Fire Chief Brooks on the percentage of fire runs in the City and Grayling Township. We are currently in a 50-50 agreement with the Township on expenses for the Fire Department. The letter states that 72% of runs are in the Township and 28% of runs are in the City.

01-29
Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes to enter into a new agreement with the Township paying 70% and the City 30%. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

f. MDOT Pre-construction Meeting on March 20, 2001 regarding the bicycle path construction.

g. Housing Assessment. This is a letter from Terry Wright regarding county-wide housing assessment. In order to obtain a grant from MSHDA they need a maximum of \$7,500 or .50 cents per resident. This assessment would determine what the housing needs are in Crawford County. Council would like more information before making a decision.

h. Water Tank Inspection letter from Nelson Tank Engineering & Consulting Inc. regarding recommendations for repairs. These need to be addressed in the upcoming proposed budget.

Old Business.

a. Tim Petrosky and Dan Nowak from Consumers Energy spoke to Council about the Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant. They plan to take construction materials to the landfill in Waters as they closed this plant in 1997 and are demolishing it. They answered questions from Council and the audience and reminded them that there is a meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at 7:00PM at the AuSable Primary School to discuss this further.

b. Scott Tilford was present to introduce himself and discuss the insurance that the city has with M.M.L. He explained to Council how the M.M.L. Liability & Property Pool came into being and how it is run. If Council has any questions he would be happy to help at any time.

c. Cellular One Lease Agreement. Mr. Yantz was present to answer questions regarding the lease agreement. The City Attorney had sent a letter expressing his concerns with the lease agreement and Mr. Yantz will check on these and call the City Manager. The City Manager will report back to Council at the next meeting.

d. Appointments to Park Committee.

Discussed having a 7 member board instead of 5. The Council would need to amend Resolution.

01-30

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to amend the Resolution Creating a Parks Committee to consist of a 7 member board. One member from City Council, one member appointed by the Grayling Area Visitors Council, one member appointed by the Grayling Boosters Club and four general public members at least three of whom shall be city residents and shall be appointed by the City Council. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

01-31

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to appoint the following to the Park Committee.
From Council: D.J. Brown
From GAVC: Ilene Wilson
From Booster Club: Member to be appointed

Gail Madsen, Kathleen Awiszus, John Dobry and Bonnie Smith.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The city clerk will notify all that applied.

e. Brownfield Appointments. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners would like the City to submit two candidates from your municipality, in order of preference, so that the County Board may select one to represent your municipality.

01-32

Moved by Brown, supported by Banda to submit the names of Allen Lowe and Karl Schreiner to the County Board as the two candidates from the city for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

f. Economic Development Committee. Council needs more information. The City Manager will work on this issue and bring it back to Council at the next meeting.

g. MERS Resolutions for City Manager Defined Contribution Program. These resolutions will be brought back to Council at the next meeting as they are still working on a city manager contract.

New Business.

a. Street and Sidewalks. The City Manager talked about the streets that need repairs and new sidewalks where needed.

01-33

Moved by Brown, supported by Banda for the City Manager to proceed with a 2001 project to consist of repairing the cracks on certain streets, replacement of sidewalks through the business loop, and paving city streets where necessary. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Land Split Request. A lot split request was received and discussion was held. The City Manager and City Assessor could see no problem with this split and recommended that Council approved the request.

01-34

Moved by Hayes, supported by Brown to approve the proposal lot split into 2 parcels per certificate of survey. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. Change Steering Commission to Planning Commission. Council agrees that a Planning Commission is the direction they want to go in. The City Manager has drafted a proposed ordinance and will have the city attorney review it.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Reports by City Manager.

a. Attended a meeting on Brownfields. Andy Smits on the Grand Traverse Board is willing to come over and get us started. Will meet either with the Council or a Committee. Council expressed interest. The City Manager will find out more information and report back to Council.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Wyman would like to have Mr. Duby attend the pre-construction meeting on March 20, 2001 concerning the bike path.

b. Mr. Wyman spoke about the meeting attended in Howell with Ms. Palmer, Mr. Lowe and Fire Chief Brooks with the Department of Military Affairs concerning property for a new fire station. He felt that the meeting went well and are now waiting to hear from the DMA.

c. Ms. Brown asked about the appraisal of old city hall. The City Manager is waiting to

hear from Ronald Fiebelkorn.

d. Ms. Palmer talked to Karen Daren who holds the lease for MSP buildings. She states that there is no money in the MSP budget for new buildings for at least five years. Also that Grayling could be considered as a site for the new building complex when the money does become available. She will keep Ms. Palmer updated on any charges.

Adjournment

01-35

Moved by Banda, supported by Wyman that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.
Kay Ellen King
City Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RICK V. CORBIN AND DEBORAH K. CORBIN, F/K/A DEBORAH K. LOVE, HUSBAND AND WIFE to CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 1998, and recorded on October 21, 1998 in Liber 466, Page 43 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to MANUFACTURERS & TRADER TRUST COMPANY, ONE M & T PLAZA., 1998-4, AGREEMENT DATED 12/1/98, by an assignment dated February 15, 2001, and recorded on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, on page 552 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty two thousand three hundred thirty six and 75/100 Dollars (\$42,336.75), including interest at 11.450% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on April 18, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

LOTS 229 AND 230, NORTHERN HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 02 OF PLATS, PAGE 27, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 15, 2001

ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgage

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

For Information please call:

(248) 540-7701

MANUFACTURERS & TRADER
TRUST COMPANY, ONE M & T PLAZA
Assignee of Mortgage

-15-22-29-5-12

PUBLIC NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the April 10, 2001 meeting has been changed to April 17, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are held at the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

Nancy L. Bindschatel, Clerk

NOTICE OF TIMBER FOR SALE

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following sale of timber:

Removal of all trees and brush within a 100' wide x approximately 1,800' in length road right-of-way (North Higgins Lake Drive) located within section 36, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Approximately 4.13 acres.

Site map is attached, additional information may be obtained from the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "North Higgins Lake Drive Timber Sale".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before July 1, 2001:

20,000 ton @ Lovells Pitt: T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF THE 1993 BOCA NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Ordinance Number 2001-02

An Ordinance establishing minimum regulations governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises, known as the Fire Prevention Code.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of Grayling Township as follows:

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Township Clerk of the Township of Grayling, being marked and designated as "The BOCA National Fire Prevention Code, Ninth Edition, 1993," as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. be and hereby is adopted as the Fire Prevention Code of the Township of Grayling in the State of Michigan, for the control of buildings, structures and premises as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said BOCA National Fire Prevention Code, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. INCONSISTANT ORDINANCES REPEALED.

That Ordinance Number 2001-02, of the Township of Grayling entitled Ordinance for Adoption of the 1993 National Fire Prevention Code, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3 ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES.

That the following sections are hereby revised as follows:
Section F-101.1 Grayling Township.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITS.

It shall be a violation of this ordinance to store any explosive materials without first securing a permit from the city/township fire department.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

That nothing in this Ordinance or in the Fire Prevention Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any lawsuit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. DATE OF EFFECT.

That the Township Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law; and this Ordinance shall take full force and be in effect immediately after this date of final passage and approval.

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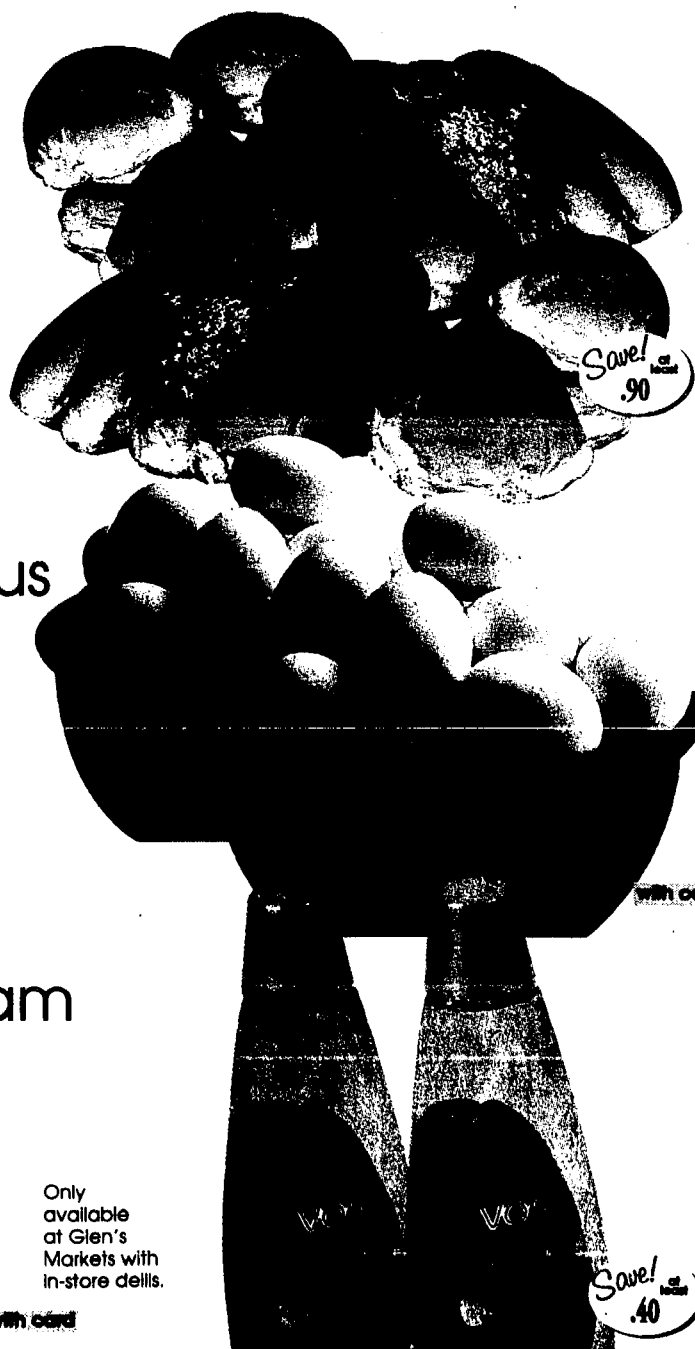
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More Hartwick Pines 2B

Thursday, April 5, 2001

HARTWICK PINES STATE PARK PRESENTS:

MAPLE SYRUP DAY



(Above) Hartwick Pines Park Historian Rob Burg gathers more maple sap for making syrup, with the help of several interested young people, at the state park's annual Maple Syrup Day, held on Saturday, March 24. Most of the sap was frozen and had to be chiseled out of the buckets. Despite the snow and cold temperatures, Burg said attendance was good. Several hundred people showed up throughout the day. "I think we're comparable to last year," Burg said, "even with the cold weather. It seems like it's been very well attended so far, considering the weather." For more on Maple Syrup Day, see Page 2B, "Hartwick Pines..."

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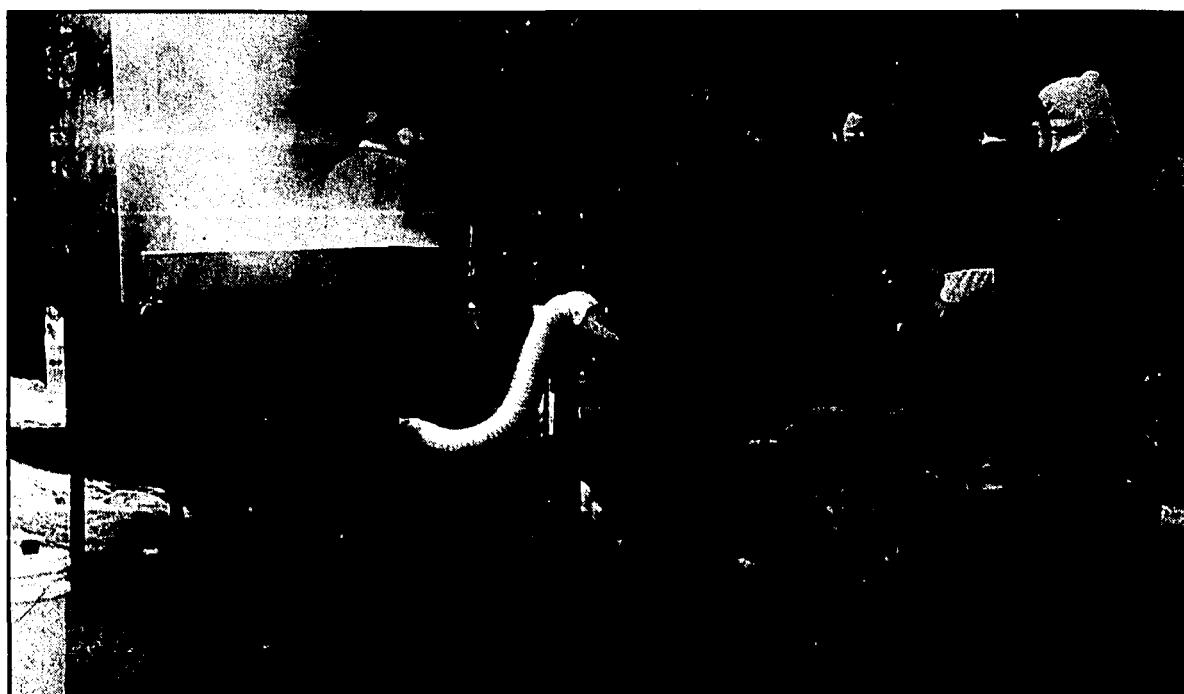


(Above) Billy Patrick helps gather more sap from the tapped maples at Hartwick Pines State Park's Maple Syrup Day using the "old-style" double buckets. Patrick, of St. Helen, Michigan, was visiting the park with his Cub Scout pack.



(Left) Dillion Jordan helped out by lugging a five-gallon bucket containing maple sap through the snow on a trip to get more sap for the boil-down process.

(Below) Maple Syrup Day featured a display detailing the process of making maple sap into maple syrup.



Maple sap is boiled down to make syrup. The boiler also helped keep park employees and park visitors warm throughout the chilly day.

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(Left) Hartwick Pines workers demonstrated the art of making maple syrup candy at Maple Syrup day, held two weeks ago at Hartwick Pines State Park. After cooking the ingredients, the syrup was poured onto "clean" snow to harden it, and made available to park visitors for a taste test. (Below) Park Historian Rob Burg checks a bucket under a tapped maple for sap, accompanied by several young people. Most of the sap was partially frozen due to the cold temperatures, but still usable once chiseled out and melted down.



Rob Burg offers Hartwick Pines visitors a taste of maple sap at the state park's Maple Syrup Day.

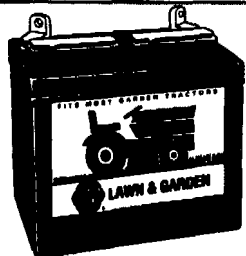


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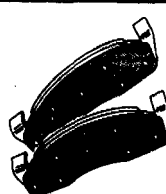


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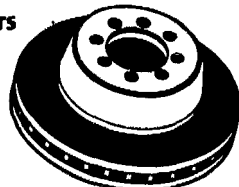
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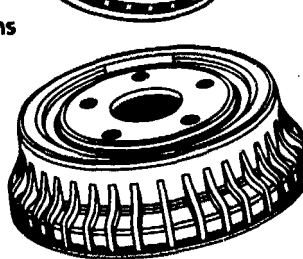
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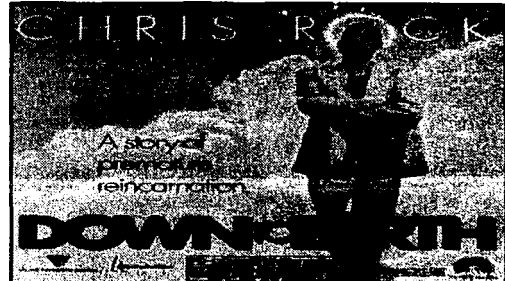
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JIM MCGRATH - Saturday, July 14, at 3 p.m. at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center. Naturalist Jim McGrath presents "Michigan's Snakes." Learn about snakes and their habitats in Michigan.

WOODSHAVING DAYS will be held on July 21-22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. The Woodshaving Days Festival is hosted by the Friends of Hartwick Pines and features woodcarvers and other woodworking crafts, blacksmiths, rope-making, wool spinning, weaving, and other textile crafts, traditional 19th century music from a dulcimer band, and the operating sawmill. Hands-on activities for the whole family include crosscut sawing and using historical tools.

KITTY DONOHUE - Saturday, August 4, at 3 p.m. at the Michigan Forest Visitor

Center. Musician Kitty Donohue presents "Bunyan and Banjos." This program, geared towards children, is an entertaining look at Michigan History, including the lumberjacks.

FORESTFEST, an all-day, one-day festival, is scheduled for Saturday, August 11. ForestFest celebrates the ecology and natural history of the forest.

Activities include tours of area forests, within Hartwick Pines and the nearby area; hands-on activities for all ages; forest fire fighting demonstrations; and a visit from Smokey Bear. The Renaissance Foresters will present a musical concert in the campground on Friday, August 10, to help kick off ForestFest.

MICHAEL DEREN - Saturday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at the Logging Museum. Performer Michael Deren presents his "Past in Person: Lumberjack/Shantyboy." This highly energetic and entertaining program takes the audience back to a northern Michigan logging camp in 1871.

BLACK IRON DAYS will be held on August 25-26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. The event, hosted by the Friends of Hartwick Pines, is considered to be the largest gathering of



Woodshaving Days

blacksmiths in Michigan. Along with the blacksmiths, there will be woodcrafts, textile crafts, rope-making, 19th century traditional music, and the operating sawmill.

Logging wheel demonstrations are also scheduled for this event. Hands-on activities will

also include crosscut sawing.

(Note: There are no admission charges for Hartwick Pines festivals or events, but a state park motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. Daily permits are \$4, and annual permits are \$20. Permits are sold at the park entrance gate.)

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Charles Country Corner.....32-24
Aunt Bettys.....28.5-27.5
Moshier Auto Repair.....27-29
Double Trouble.....25-31
Fick & Sons.....23-33
C.U.P.S.....23-33
High Game Men: R. Hinds, 225; M. Campbell, 221; D. Canfield, 217.
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 604; R. Hinds, 603; M. Campbell, 576.
High Game Women: M. Moshier, 233; K. Moshier, 211; S. Johnson, 201.
High Series Women: M. Moshier, 577; S. Johnson, 554; S. France, 517.

Triangle

Barber Construction.....36-16
Moshier Auto Repair.....34-18
Bancroft Const.....32-20
G.G.S.....28-24
Moshier Refrigeration.....27.5-24.5
A-H Rental.....25-27
Gray Rock Cafe.....22.5-29.5
High Game: R. Moshier, 225; J. Robideau, 224; D. Canfield, 220.
High Series: J. Lozon, 595; D. Canfield, 594; J. Robideau, 586.

American Men's

McLeans ACE.....16-5
Sawmill Tavern.....14-7
CSI Ind. Systems.....12-9
Upper Lakes Tire.....11-10
Moore's Automotive.....10-11
Fenton's Auto Service.....10-11
Helsel Forest Products.....7-14
Forrest Brothers.....4-17
High Game: L. Davis, 225; T. Devins, 217; T. Kotrash, 215.
High Series: L. Davis, 622; T.

Kotrash, 613; L. Davis Jr. II, 597.

Recreation

Chicken Little.....34-14
Scheer Motors.....26-22
Skyline.....25-23
Peterson Saw.....25-23
Cornell.....23.5-24.5
Glens.....22-26
Mark 8.....20-28
Mickey Perez, C.P.A.....16.5-31.5
High Game: C. Mead and G. Neilson, 190; J. Hinds, 183; K. Moshier, 181.
High Series: K. Moshier, 514; C. Mead, 501; M. Starks, 491.

Pioneer

Aunt Betty's.....26.5-9.5
Chemical Bank.....22-14
Ginger's.....21-15
Custom Interior.....20-16
Millikins.....18-18
Lady Slippers.....14-22
Avalanche.....12-24
Lucky Strikers.....10.5-25.5
High Game: M. Miller, 205; J. Hinds, 204; S. Johnson and L. Rutter, 200.
High Series: M. Miller, 570; N. Glaslee, 546; J. Hinds, 534.

Seniors

Grayling Pharmacy.....63-41
Tees "N" Such.....59.5-44.5
Buccilli's Pizza.....58.5-45.5
Flowers By Josie.....57-47
Sylvesters Sports.....49-55
Cornell Insurance.....46.5-57.5
Halls Snow Removal.....42-62
Baynham Wood.....40.5-63.5
High Game Men: D. Canfield, 247; D. Germain, 214; L. Crampton, 204.
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 619; L. Essiambre, 570; D. Germain, 567.

High Game Women: P. Harris, 192; A. Roman, 181; V. Westover, 179.
High Series Women: E. Hulbert, 471; V. Westover, 465; P. Harris, 460.

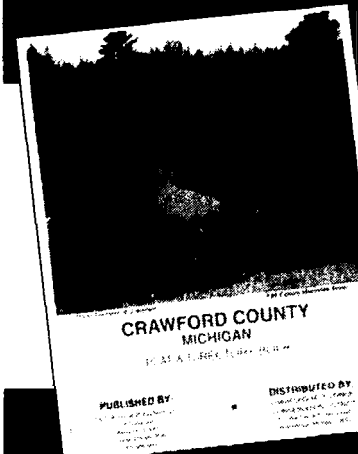
National First

Hart Pontiac-GMC.....9-5
Swamp II.....9-5
Legion Lanes.....8-6
Hellebuyck Masonry.....7-7
N. Whitetail.....7-7
Forest Brothers.....7-7
Faustman's Insurance.....6-8
Miller's Production.....3-11
High Game: J. Hunt, 266; B. Zadorsky, 257; T. Sowinski, 256.
High Series: J. Hunt, 690; P. Faustman, 652; B. Zadorsky.

Sunday Nite Mixed

R & M Masonry.....50-27
Helsel Brothers.....48.5-28.5
Wakeley's Auto Parts.....46-31
Legion Lanes.....45.5-31.5
M.I.A.S.....36-41
Waste Management.....30-47
Billy's.....28-49
Custom Interior.....24-53
High Game Men: S. Miller, 246; J. Helsel, 238; B. Starks, 214.
High Series Men: S. Miller, 636; J. Helsel, 583; R. Moshier, 568.
High Game Women: S. Romain, 244; T. Haight, M. Starks, 200; M. Miller, 190.
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Little League sign-up ends next Friday

► Registration deadline for baseball and softball players is Friday, April 13

Little League player registration for the 2001 season is still underway, but the deadline for signing up is fast approaching.

Grayling Little League will be accepting applications until Friday, April 13. Baseball and softball players must be between the ages of 7 and 15 as of July 31, 2001 to register.

Sign-ups will be accepted at Sylvester's of Grayling, located at 5610 West M-72. Parents must provide a copy of the child's certified birth certificate when registering.

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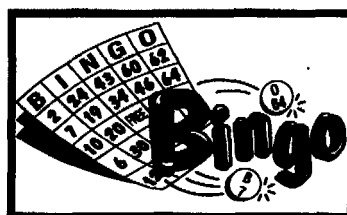
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A benefit walk for the National Kidney Foundation will be held on Saturday, May 20, at the Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion in Cadillac. This is the Third Annual walk to be held in Cadillac.

The Northern Michigan Walk will provide an opportunity for the National Kidney Foundation to educate people about kidney disease and organ donation, as well as raise funds for education, research, programs and services.

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Spring sports seasons to start

► Most Grayling High School teams to play their first games next week

This week is spring break for Crawford AuSable Schools, but next week the Grayling High School spring sports season is set to begin in full force (weather permitting), with several GHS teams opening their 2001 game schedules.

"Opening Day" for the GHS varsity baseball team is set for Wednesday, April 11. The Vikings will take on the Boyne City Ramblers in a doubleheader in Grayling starting at 4 p.m. On Tuesday, April 17, the Vikings will play a doubleheader at Roscommon beginning at 4 p.m.

The JV baseball squad doesn't open its season until the following week. The Vikings will face the

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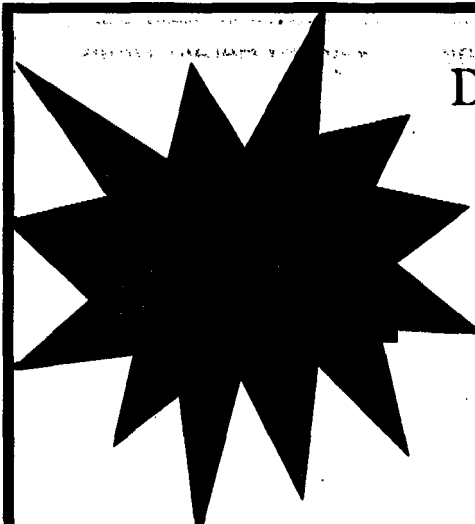
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Ruth Doyle - Agency Support
George Hall - Environmental Health Sanitarian
Sue Lucksted - Lead Public Health Nurse
Cel Southard - Agency Support.

Administrative Team

Mike Skoog, Health Officer
Hoda Asmar, M.D., Medical Director
Linda VanGills, Deputy Health Officer/Adm.
Terry Beardslee, Board of Health Member
Lynnette Corlew, Board of Health Member
Shelley Pinkelman, Board of Health Alternate

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- * Working to improve & protect the health status of all our communities.
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Hearing & Vision Screening
Tobacco Control Programs
Lead Investigation
Water Quality Management & Education
Immunization Program
Children's Special Health Care Services
Indoor Air Quality
Community Health Assessment
Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program
Family Planning Programs
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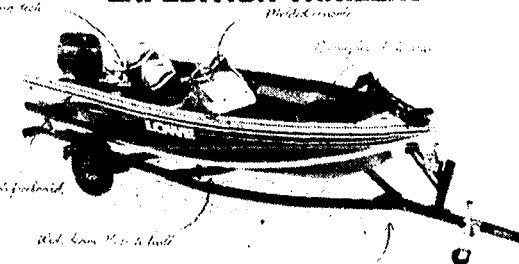
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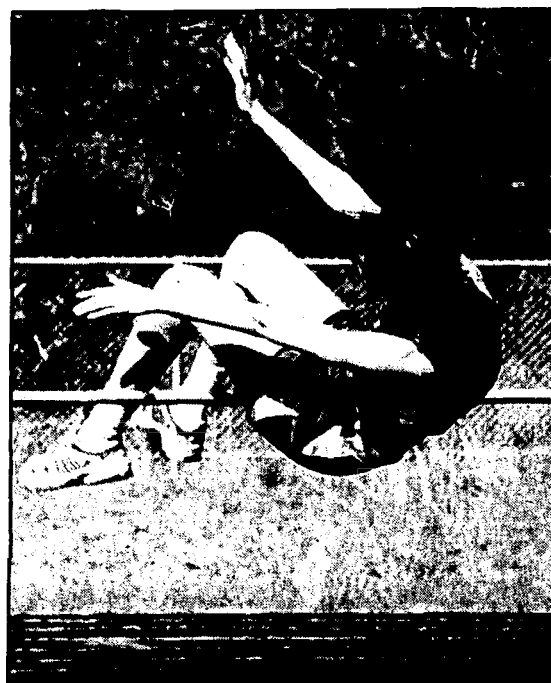


JACKIE BINDSCHATEL
Office Manager

Spring sports seasons to start next week



Boys and Girls Track & Field



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Bucks of Roscommon in Grayling on Tuesday, April 17, at 4 p.m.

The GHS varsity softball team, District champions last year, will open its 2001 season on the road with a doubleheader at Boyne City on Wednesday, April 11, at 4 p.m. The team's first home series will be on Friday, April 20, versus the Kalkaska Blazers at 4:30 p.m.

The JV softball squad is set to open its season next Wednesday against Boyne City in Grayling. Games will start at 4 p.m. On Tuesday, April 17, the Vikings are scheduled to host Roscommon at 4 p.m.

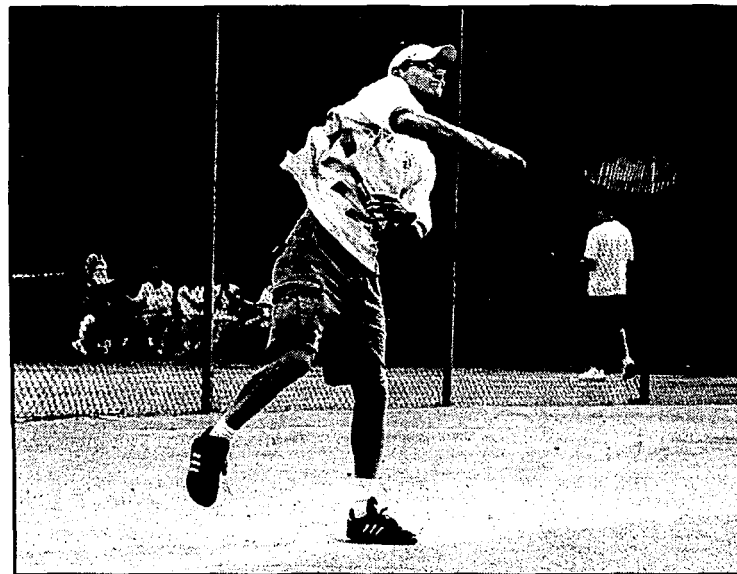
The girls soccer team is scheduled to play the first home contest of all the GHS spring sports on Tuesday, April 10, in Grayling against the Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn. The match begins at 5 p.m. On Wednesday, April 11, the team plays at Standish Sterling Central.

Grayling's boys and girls track squads will compete against West Branch Ogemaw Heights and Pinconning at Ogemaw on Tuesday, April 10, to start the 2001 track season. On Wednesday, April 11, the Vikings will host Roscommon and Cheboygan starting at 4 p.m.


The girls golf team opens its schedule of games with home meets against Petoskey and Alpena on April 16 and 19, respectively.

The boys tennis team will play on the road at Harbor Springs to open its 2001 season. The Vikings will host Charlevoix on Thursday, April 12, at 4 p.m.

For a full schedule of all GHS spring sports, see Page 8-9B.



Boys Tennis



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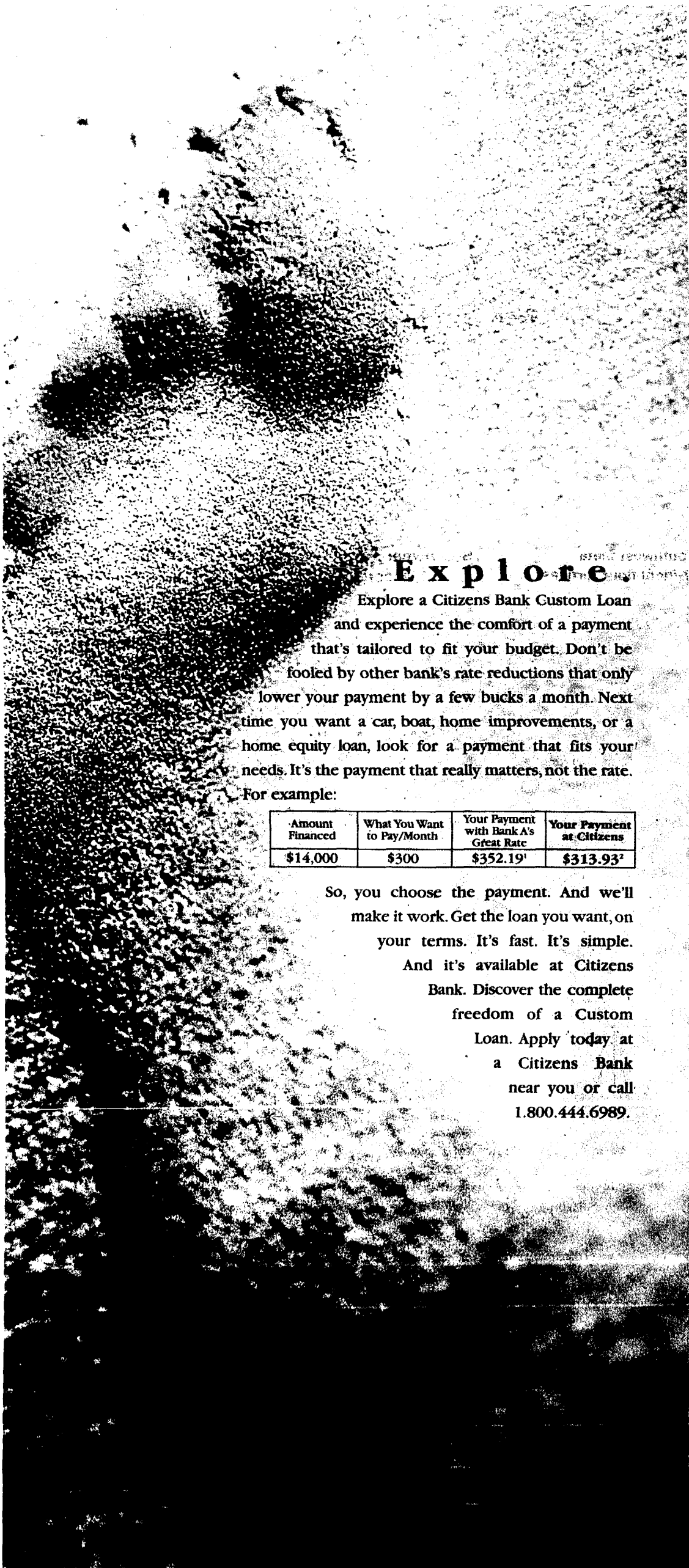
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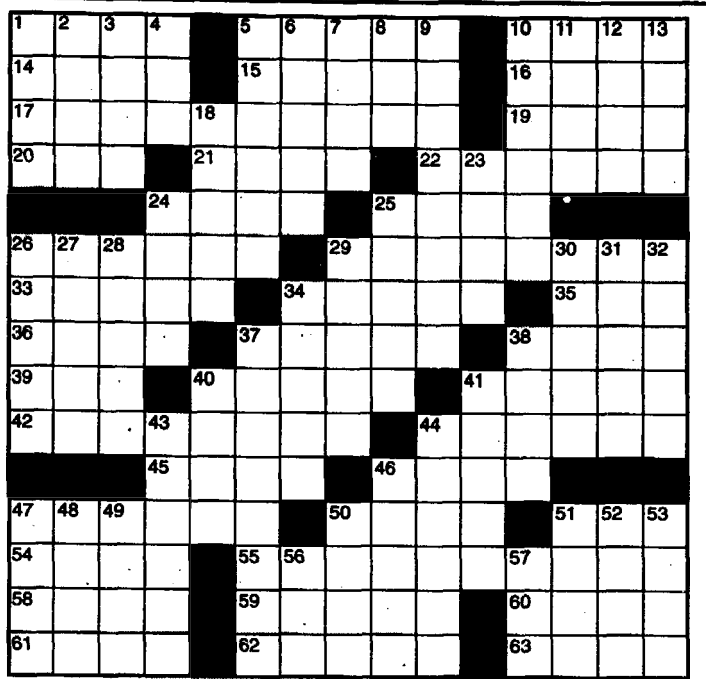
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8. AFL's partner
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11. Wrestler Hogan
12. Presque, Maine
13. Mahayana sect
18. Napa exports
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24. King Harald V's capital
25. Round in some game shows
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32. Sing without words
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41. All That Jazz man
43. Falsified
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46. Not tight
47. "Second Rose"
48. Baseballer Tommie
49. Nary a one
50. "On The Warpath"
51. Falstaff, for one
52. Tug sharply
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56. Munch's homeland (abbr.)
57. Lanka

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 7, 1978

Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc., is looking for somebody in Crawford County to help provide emergency shelter care for runaway youth. These youngsters would stay only a short time, a few days at most. This project was supported by a grant awarded by the Michigan Office of Criminal Justice Programs under the Crime Control Act of 1976.

The Milltown Cafe is for sale through Keith Dressel Realty for \$19,500.

Pampered Pet dog food is on sale 200 pounds for \$35.

Ginnie Lynn, a daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Stilwell of Roscommon on March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson of Grayling are the parents of a son, born March 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Breining of Roscommon had a baby girl, Stacie Marie on March 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Harris of Grayling announce the arrival of a daughter, Jennifer Elaine, on April 2.

General Mills Count Chocula and Frankin Berry Cereal is on sale for 89 cents at Black and White Foodland.

Even though our southern vacationers are complaining that it's too cool up here, we've had some nice days and slowly the snow is leaving. Our 'bouquet for the winter' goes to Charlie Gierke at the post office for

keeping the walks cleaned in spite of the tons of snow. I think it was the first sidewalk completely clear this spring.

46 Years Ago April 7, 1955

Roy McEvers reports that his ice boat, which was built at home and is powered by a 6 horsepower Continental airplane engine - works equally well on lake ice or on snow-covered ground. Many of Roy's friends have enjoyed a ride.

Paul T. Crawford, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Crawford of 805 State Street, Grayling, is serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Baltimore in the Far East.

Flames that swept through two frame buildings housing the Grayling restaurant and Burns Hardware store at Grayling last Friday night endangered for a time an entire business block on Michigan Avenue. Firemen battled the blaze while being hampered by dense smoke that attracted a large crowd of spectators. Loss was estimated at \$50,000.

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69 Years Ago April 7, 1932

The Saginaw division of the



SUN DIAL? Large toad-stool? No, it's only a lonely table in the City Park awaiting summer....(1978)

Standard Oil Co. held their regular annual meeting here Tuesday at the American Legion Hall. In acknowledgment of faithful service, Mr. Dan Hoesli of Grayling, received a 20 year button. Mr. Hoesli has been in the employ of the company since July 23, 1911, in the capacity of "B" Station Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. William Christenson entertained a company of friends at their home Saturday evening at cards, with prizes going to Mrs. Earl Mathewson, Lacey Stephan and J. L. Martin. It was a very pleasant affair. At the close of the evening Mrs. Christenson served a very delicious lunch.

Carl Mickelson of Mason, Esbern Hanson and son Esbern Jr., and Cas Fehr left Wednesday to spend a week at Sunrise Club on the AuSable River.

92 Years Ago April 8, 1909

Milk Bros. are out with a modern market delivery cart, which is a dandy, and their packages will be protected from dust and flies which

will be appreciated by their customers.

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. John Love entertained about twenty young people at Flinch, after which a dainty lunch was served. All are anxious to have next April 1 get here so as to get even with some jokes.

Michael Hartwick, the first bonafide settler in this village and a resident here for about 30 years, died at his home in Jackson, Monday night.

Last Sunday morning the M.E. congregation was greeted by Rev. Victor J. Hufton who came here to succeed Rev. E.G. Johnson, who left last week.

Spring has come. H. Peterson put up a new awning in front of the store last week.

W. Brott planted 15,000 trout in Simpson Lake last week for the owner, Mr. Pomeroy, of Toledo. They arrived in the finest possible shape with less than half a dozen dead ones.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Marinated Shrimp Southwest Fajita Wraps

- 1 package marinated shrimp southwest fajita
- 4 (7-inch) flour tortillas, warmed
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup diced tomato
- Sliced lettuce, sliced black olives, diced cucumber
- Shredded cheese, optional

Prepare shrimp with Southwest Fajita sauce packet according to package instructions. Spread each tortilla with cream cheese. Place 1/2 cup shrimp mixture near one edge of tortilla. Top with tomato and your choice of other toppings. Roll tortilla up; cut if desired. Serve immediately or cover with plastic wrap and chill until ready to serve. Makes 4 servings.

HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 9 thru April 15

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):

You'll find your working capacity extremely enhanced. This will be especially so if you are involved in sales of any sort. Your natural charm and genuine appeal will win others over easily. If the opportunity to do some travelling comes up, don't give it a second thought. Any trip taken will prove to be both enjoyable and fruitful. The more you put into your career this week, the more rewards you will reap. Give it your best shot, and don't let anything stand in your way.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

Continue to take care of your emotional state this week. You will find it far easier to get caught up in complicated or chaotic relationships that wreak havoc on you. As was the case last week, there is a far higher risk of engaging in escapist behaviors in an attempt to cope. Hang in there! Friday will bring a much lighter and positive atmosphere. Focus on Friday on what you can do to enjoy yourself over the upcoming weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

You're sure to experience a week where you really shine. More strength will go to your intellectual half than the emotional side, making it a perfect time to make progress in the professional arena. Overcome your fears of looking silly or failing to rise to new heights in your life. Take an inventory of things in both your personal and professional situation. If you don't like what you see, this is the time to say so. Coming up with new ideas or ways to approach situations will come easily, once given some thought.

CANCER (June 22-July 22):

Emotions are not going to stand in your way this week. This is an opportune time to make some real headway in your personal and professional life. Make yourself a list of everything that needs to be done this week, and start at it one thing at a time. With the energy you have, you will see things wrapped up much more quickly than usual. Working up a good sweat may be just what you need to release tension and feel better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

If some of the more challenging relationships in your life gets you down Monday, hang in there. Get on your grubbies and pull up your sleeves: you're sure to feel like some good old-fashioned manual labor. You will feel physically strong and capable. The more you do, the better you will feel. Engaging in activity like this can do a world of good for your emotional well-being by giving stresses and worries a place to be directed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Coming forward with your ideas and inventions will go over very well this week. You'll have plenty of cosmic support to bring forth your best efforts and to sell their viability. Many of history's best inventors and visionaries were Virgos. Give yourself encouragement, and seek out the support of loved ones to add to your confidence. The old saying of how you will never know unless you try is most fitting for you right now. Go for it and try. If it doesn't happen right away, try again!

FOR ENTERTAINMENT ONLY

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):

Your ability to combine your strong intellect with your emotional needs may come into play this week. When you find your feelings more intense than usual, your mind is your greatest asset and tool. By taking a look at the situation from an outside and objective point of view, you will be able to make better sense of what's happening and what needs to be done. Pretend that it's someone else's challenge and you're giving them advice. Expect to be even more ingenious in your thoughts than usual. Chances are, if you give yourself enough time to think things through, you will be able to resolve most anything for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

The start of this week may well have you feeling as though you won't make it through until Friday. Chances are you'll find yourself frustrated, annoyed, and even angry more quickly than usual, and you'll need to bite your tongue. It would be a great day to work alone, but if you can't, be as tolerant and patient as you can. Be careful during the early part of the week that you don't alienate someone, or wind up regretting your own comments. If you have any serious issues to handle, consider waiting until Friday as you will be more equipped to address any complications.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Creativity runs through the veins of a Sagittarian. Expressing yourself isn't likely much of a challenge, except perhaps verbally. While painting a picture, running a race, writing a letter or dedicating a feat to a cause will be easy for you, saying what you think and feel can be more challenging. Some of this is because you like to have enough time to think about what you want to express as you do it. You have the opportunity this week to develop your verbal skills. Perhaps you will see more success if you take the time to think about what you want to say before talking to someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

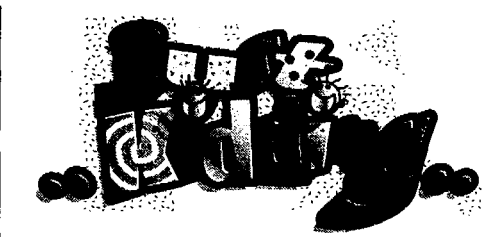
While last week's aspects encouraged you to let your hair down and have a little fun, work is what's most likely to take center stage now. No doubt, this will suit you just fine too! Working up a sweat while accomplishing something will feel great. If you have children, get them involved in what you do. You have the qualities that can benefit a young mind for a lifetime. The rewards for you are tremendous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

You might find your mind and emotions all over the map this week, and the need for grounding very strong. Your confidence may plummet. Chances are good that this will be a result of some impact from a relationship in your life that is confusing to you. Strive to keep things in perspective, and to get a handle on the talents you have everyday. While what others have to say about you will leave an impact one way or another, it isn't always truth.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

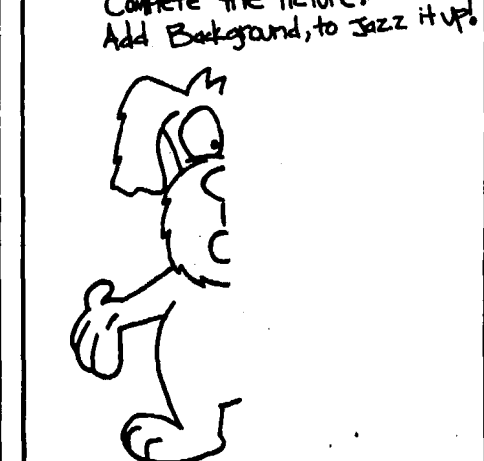
If you've been procrastinating with work that needs to be done in the last little while, this week will bring you plenty of cosmic energy to get caught up. Your sensitivity is your life's blood, and it can take years to develop the self-discipline it takes to override your feelings and get work done. Tuesday can be so beneficial for you. You will find your mind sharp, physical strength enhanced, and creativity soaring. Whether you've got heavy lifting to do, or a mountain of paperwork to catch up on, you'll have the steam and stamina to get it done.



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Also, needed at the shelter: shovels, towels and blankets, dog and cat food, treats and toys, kitty litter, buckets, bleach, tennis balls, paper towels and toilet paper.

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Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the U.S. Exotic Weather)

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2001 SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR

Grayling Schools Sports Calendar

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Big Boy

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Company

Bronco Amoco

Superior Janitorial
Services

Grayling Vikings Varsity Baseball

| Day | Date | Opponent | Event | Bus | Time |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Wednesday | April 11, 2001 | Boyer City | H/A | 4:00 | |
| Tuesday | April 17, 2001 | Roscommon | A | 4:00 | 2:45 |
| Friday | April 20, 2001 | Kalkaska | H | 4:30 | |
| Tuesday | April 24, 2001 | Oscoda | A | 4:00 | 1:30 |
| Friday | April 27, 2001 | Standish Sterling | H | 4:00 | |
| Monday | April 30, 2001 | Gaylord | A | 4:15 | 3:00 |
| Tuesday | May 1, 2001 | Bay City John Glenn | H | 4:00 | |
| Friday | May 4, 2001 | Petoskey | A | 4:30 | 2:00 |
| Monday | May 7, 2001 | Gaylord | H | 4:15 | |
| Tuesday | May 8, 2001 | Gladwin | A | 4:00 | 1:45 |
| Friday | May 11, 2001 | Pinconning | A | 4:00 | 1:45 |
| Tuesday | May 15, 2001 | West Branch Ogemaw Heights | H | 4:00 | |
| Friday | May 18, 2001 | Tawas | H | 4:00 | |
| Tuesday | May 22, 2001 | Lake City | A | 4:30 | 2:30 |
| Friday | May 25, 2001 | Houghton Lake | A | 4:00 | 2:45 |
| Tuesday | May 29, 2001 | Boyer City | TBA | 4:00 | |
| May 29, 2001-June 2, 2001 | | Districts | H | TBA | |
| Saturday | June 9, 2001 | Regionals | H | TBA | |

Grayling Vikings Junior Varsity Baseball

| Day | Date | Opponent | Event | Bus | Time |
|---------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Tuesday | April 17, 2001 | Roscommon | H/A | 4:00 | |
| Monday | April 23, 2001 | Kalkaska | H | 4:30 | 3:00 |
| Tuesday | April 24, 2001 | Oscoda | A | 4:00 | |
| Friday | April 27, 2001 | Standish Sterling | A | 4:00 | 1:30 |
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| Tuesday | May 8, 2001 | Gladwin | H | 4:00 | |
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| Friday | May 18, 2001 | Tawas | A | 4:00 | 1:30 |
| Tuesday | May 22, 2001 | Lake City | H | 4:30 | |
| Friday | May 25, 2001 | Houghton Lake | H | 4:00 | |

Grayling Vikings Varsity Softball

| Day | Date | Opponent | Event | Bus | Time |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Wednesday | April 11, 2001 | Boyer City | H/A | 4:00 | |
| Tuesday | April 17, 2001 | Roscommon | A | 4:00 | 2:45 |
| Friday | April 20, 2001 | Kalkaska | H | 4:30 | |
| Tuesday | April 24, 2001 | Oscoda | A | 4:00 | 1:30 |
| Friday | April 27, 2001 | Standish Sterling | H | 4:00 | |
| Monday | April 30, 2001 | Gaylord | A | 4:15 | 3:00 |
| Tuesday | May 1, 2001 | Bay City John Glenn | H | 4:00 | |
| Friday | May 4, 2001 | Petoskey | A | 4:30 | 2:00 |
| Monday | May 7, 2001 | Gaylord | H | 4:15 | |
| Tuesday | May 8, 2001 | Gladwin | A | 4:00 | 1:45 |
| Friday | May 11, 2001 | Pinconning | A | 4:00 | 1:45 |
| Tuesday | May 15, 2001 | West Branch Ogemaw Heights | H | 4:00 | |
| Friday | May 18, 2001 | Tawas | H | 4:00 | |
| Tuesday | May 22, 2001 | Lake City | A | 4:30 | 2:30 |
| Friday | May 25, 2001 | Houghton Lake | A | 4:00 | 2:45 |
| May 29, 2001-June 2, 2001 | | Boyer City | TBA | 4:00 | |
| Saturday | June 9, 2001 | Regionals | H | TBA | |

Grayling Vikings Junior Varsity Softball

| Day | Date | Opponent | Event | Bus | Time |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Wednesday | April 11, 2001 | Boyer City | H/A | 4:00 | |
| Tuesday | April 17, 2001 | Roscommon | H | 4:00 | |
| Monday | April 23, 2001 | Kalkaska | A | 4:30 | 3:00 |
| Tuesday | April 24, 2001 | Oscoda | H | 4:00 | |
| Friday | April 27, 2001 | Standish Sterling | A | 4:00 | 1:30 |
| Monday | April 30, 2001 | Gaylord | H | 4:15 | |
| Tuesday | May 1, 2001 | Bay City John Glenn | A | 4:00 | 1:00 |
| Monday | May 7, 2001 | Gaylord | A | 4:15 | 3:00 |
| Tuesday | May 8, 2001 | Gladwin | H | 4:00 | |
| Friday | May 11, 2001 | Pinconning | H | 4:00 | |
| Tuesday | May 15, 2001 | West Branch Ogemaw Heights | A | 4:00 | 2:00 |
| Friday | May 18, 2001 | Tawas | A | 4:00 | 1:30 |
| Tuesday | May 22, 2001 | Lake City | H | 4:30 | |
| Friday | May 25, 2001 | Houghton Lake | H | 4:00 | |

Grayling Middle School Track

| Day | Date | Opponent | Event | Bus | Time |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Wednesday | April 11, 2001 | Houghton Lake | A | 4:00 | 2:45 |
| Tuesday | April 24, 2001 | Mio & Roscommon | H | 4:00 | |
| Friday | May 4, 2001 | Houghton Lake Invitational | A | 4:00 | 2:30 |
| Wednesday | May 9, 2001 | Boyer City | A | 4:00 | 2:30 |
| Friday | May 18, 2001 | Houghton Lake | H | 4:00 | 2:15 |
| | | Gladwin Invitational | A | 4:00 | |

Grayling Vikings Girls Golf

| Day | Date | Opponent | Event | Bus | Time |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------|-------|------|-------|
| Monday | April 16, 2001 | Petoskey | H/A | 4:00 | |
| Tuesday | April 17, 2001 | Alpena | H | 4:00 | |
| Wednesday | April 18, 2001 | Newberry | A | 4:00 | 12:30 |
| Thursday | April 19, 2001 | Traverse City West | H | 4:00 | |
| Friday | April 20, 2001 | Ludington | A | 4:00 | 5:30 |
| Monday | May 7, 2001 | Bay City John Glenn | H | 4:00 | |
| Tuesday | May 8, 2001 | Newberry | H | 4:00 | |
| Wednesday | May 9, 2001 | Traverse City West | A | 4:00 | 2:00 |
| Thursday | May 10, 2001 | Petoskey Invitational | A | 9:00 | 7:00 |
| Monday | May 14, 2001 | Bay City John Glenn | H | 4:00 | |
| Tuesday | May 15, 2001 | Petoskey | A | 4:00 | 2:00 |
| Wednesday | May 16, 2001 | Alpena | A | 3:00 | 1:00 |
| Friday | May 18, 2001 | Regionals | TBA | TBA | TBA |

Grayling Vikings Boys & Girls Track

| Day | Date | Opponent | Event | Bus | Time |
|-----------|----------------|---|-------|------|-------|
| Tuesday | April 10, 2001 | Ogemaw Heights & Pinconning | A | 4:00 | 2:00 |
| Wednesday | April 11, 2001 | Roscommon & Cheboygan | H | 4:00 | |
| Monday | April 16, 2001 | Harrison (9 th & 10 th graders) | A | 3:00 | 1:00 |
| Saturday | April 21, 2001 | Mio | A | 9:00 | 8:00 |
| Wednesday | April 25, 2001 | Gladwin & Standish | H | 4:00 | |
| Thursday | April 26, 2001 | Boyer City | A | 2:00 | 1:15 |
| Wednesday | May 2, 2001 | Oscoda & Bay City John Glenn | A | 4:00 | 1:15 |
| Wednesday | May 9, 2001 | Tawas | H | 4:00 | |
| Thursday | May 10, 2001 | East Jordan Invitational | A | 3:00 | 1:15 |
| Saturday | May 12, 2001 | Houghton Lake | A | 9:00 | 8:00 |
| Saturday | May 19, 2001 | Regionals | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| Wednesday | May 19, 2001 | NEMC Conference Meet @ Bay City | A | 3:00 | 12:00 |
| Friday | May 25, 2001 | Bay City Times Invitational | A | 8:00 | TBA |
| Tuesday | May 29, 2001 | Roscommon Meet of Champions | A | 5:00 | TBA |

Underline denotes site of away meet

Grayling Vikings Boys Tennis

| Day | Date | Opponent | Event | Bus | Time |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Wednesday | April 11, 2001 | Harbor Springs | H/A | 4:00 | 1:30 |
| Thursday | April 12, 2001 | Charlevoix | H | 4:00 | |
| Monday | April 16, 2001 | Boyer City | H | 4:00 | |
| Wednesday | April 18, 2001 | Petoskey | A | 4:00 | 2:00 |
| Thursday | April 19, 2001 | Traverse City St. Francis | H | 4:00 | |
| Wednesday | April 25, 2001 | Bay City John Glenn | H | 4:00 | |
| Wednesday | April 25, 2001 | Elk Rapids | A | 4:00 | 1:30 |
| Wednesday | May 2, 2001 | Charlevoix | A | 4:00 | 1:45 |
| Friday | May 4, 2001 | Boyer Mountain Invitational | A | 9:00 | 7:30 |
| Monday | May 7, 2001 | Harbor Springs | H | 4:00 | |
| Tuesday | May 8, 2001 | Traverse City West | A | 4:00 | 2:15 |
| Wednesday | May 16, 2001 | Petoskey | H | 4:00 | |
| Friday | May 18, 2001 | Regionals | TBA | TBA | TBA |

Grayling Vikings Girls Soccer

| Day | Date | Opponent | Event | Bus | Time |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Tuesday | April 10, 2001 | Bay City John Glenn | H/A | 5:00 | |
| Wednesday | April 11, 2001 | Standish Sterling | H | 4:00 | 1:30 |
| Monday | April 16, 2001 | West Branch Ogemaw Heights | H | 5:00 | |
| Friday | April 20, 2001 | Cheboygan | H | 5:00 | |
| Monday | April 23, 2001 | Tawas | H | 5:00 | |
| Wednesday | April 25, 2001 | Oscoda | A | 5:00 | 2:15 |
| Friday | April 27, 2001 | Pinconning | H | 5:00 | |
| Monday | April 30, 2001 | Pinconning | A | 5:00 | 3:00 |
| Thursday | May 3, 2001 | Gladwin | A | 5:00 | 2:45 |
| Friday | May 4, 2001 | West Branch Ogemaw Heights | A | 5:00 | 3:15 |
| Monday | May 7, 2001 | Standish Sterling | H | 5:00 | |
| Wednesday | May 9, 2001 | Bay City John Glenn | A | 5:00 | 2:15 |
| Monday | May 14, 2001 | Gladwin | H | 5:00 | |
| Wednesday | May 16, 2001 | Tawas | A | 5:00 | 2:30 |
| Friday | May 18, 2001 | Roscommon | A | 5:00 | 3:45 |
| Monday | May 21, 2001 | Oscoda | H | 5:00 | |
| Thursday | May 31, 2001 | Districts | H | TBA | |

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Realtors honored at annual regional conference

Realtors with RE/MAX of Grayling were recently honored by the RE/MAX Real Estate System for outstanding sales and service in 2000, receiving awards at the RE/MAX of Michigan 22nd Annual Regional Conference held February 8-10 in Traverse City.

Broker/Owner Craig Hinkle was awarded the Platinum Club Award. Qualifications for the award are based on exceptional sales production and commission income for the year. It is the highest annual award in the RE/MAX network. In 2000, 64 associates in the RE/MAX of

Michigan Region achieved this status, representing the top six percent of the Region. Hinkle also placed third in transactions in the Region with 156.5 in 2000.

Tom Slavens was honored with the 100% Club Award. This award is based on sales production for the year. In 2000, only the top 27 percent of Associates affiliated within the Region qualified for the 100% Club Award.

Broker/Owner Charlene Scheer and Gary Boyd were awarded Executive Club honors. In 2000, 19 percent of all Sales Associates

affiliated with the RE/MAX of Michigan Region qualified for this club level.

"We recognized 762 award winners during our Regional Conference," said Michel Metzner, Regional Director. "This represents 74 percent of our entire membership and a seven percent increase in award winners compared to the previous year."

Metzner added, "The number of award winners from one office is a testament to the hard work of everyone on the RE/MAX Grayling team."

Cedars holds annual meeting, names photo winners

Cedars for the AuSable, a group which has planted more than 4,500 northern white cedar seedlings to preserve and protect the cold water fishery of the AuSable and Manistee River watersheds over the last four years, recently received the Conservationist of the Year 2000 Award at the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District's annual meeting.

The district also recognized the Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve Committee for an

Education Award.

Winners of the district's 2000 photo contest were:

• Wildlife - 1st Billy Elwell of Prudenville; 2nd Kaye Bullard of Roscommon; 3rd Leonard Olsen of Madison Heights; Honorable Mentions went to Jeri Jagielo and Tom D'Ambrosia, both of Houghton Lake.

• Forestry - 1st Kris Mol of Roscommon; 2nd Leonard Olsen of Madison Heights; 3rd Billy Elwell of Prudenville.

Marge Torongo of Roscommon took first place in the youth category.

• Recreation - 1st Barbara Spasoff of Roscommon; 2nd Mary Jane Hartman of Higgins Lake; 3rd

Nancy Michelson of Roscommon.

• Floral - 1st Billy Elwell of Prudenville; 2nd Carleton Crockett of Roscommon; 3rd Leonard Olsen of Madison Heights.

At the annual meeting, district residents also re-elected Walt Neilson of South Branch Township in Crawford County to a four-year term on the board of directors.

At the board's re-organizational meeting, Neilson was elected chairman, Jim Johnson of Roscommon Township was elected vice-chairman and Glenn Schicker of Markey Township was re-elected secretary/treasurer.

Other board members are: Jim Bischoff of Denton Township and Tom Zeneberg of Gerrish Township.

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New web site registered for Class of '64

Herluf Moshier registered ObsoleteChild.com for the purpose of creating an 'Online Class Reunion' site, so he and his classmates would have a way to keep in touch with each other between class reunions in Grayling.

Moshier got the idea while sending email back and forth with Marcia (Sorenson) Sullivan when he was trying to remember who had ever attended school with them. Moshier wanted to honor his Grayling High School classmates by using their names (with their permission) on his web sites, Jazzmine's Mimicked Recipes at www.geocities.com/jmr_0/index.html (that's a zero after the underscore), and on Moshier's Moldy Oldies at www.geocities.com/moshier0/index.html (still in the construction stages and isn't open yet).

All of the Obsolete Children that attended GHS between kindergarten (1951) and the fateful night the graduates walked across the stage, in what is now the Grayling Middle

School gymnasium, and received their diplomas (1964), are included in the ObsoleteChild.com web site.

To date, only Moshier and Gary Lucksted have real biographical content on their pages. Official channels of getting his classmates' "snail mail" addresses have been exhausted and this is his plea to the rest of the Class of '64 to send him their biographies; also, via snail mail (Herluf Moshier, 515 N. James Street, Grayling, MI 49738) or email (admin@obsoletechild.com, or herluf@obsoletechild.com).

When entering Lucksted's page, you'll be asked to enter your name in the text input box located in the upper left hand corner of the browser. Whatever you type into the box will be written into text on Lucksted's page to personalize your visit.

The rest of the GHS Class of '64 are: Mark Anderson, Anita Annis, Tom Argue, Andrew Arnes, Ann Arnes, Irene Bancroft, Pam Beery, Tom Benware, Joe Bloose, Pat Buron, Roger Caid, Andy Canfield,

Lyle Canfield, Jackie Christian, Tom Crawford, Mike Crouch, Steve Dawson, Judy Day, Carmen Duncan, John Engle, Jim Failing, Don Fairbotham, Bob Fenton, Cathy Harwood, Susan Hayes, Kathy Hemple, Irene Horning, Phyllis Hunter, Louie Jensen, Gary Jerkovich, Lee Bob Johnson, Bill Joseph, Larry Korhonen, Joe LaGrow, Camilla Marshall, Vicki McEvers, Mary Ester McLoud, Jeanette Neilson, Patsy Palmer, Merry Perry, Pricilla Pettengill, Patty Rhode, Randy Rick, Geneva Riddle, Terry SanCartier, Jerry Scott, Grant Shaw, Jenny Sheehy, Lauren Schulz, Norbert Schultz, Marcia Sorenson, Nancy Sorenson, Ed Southwell, Zoe Stephan, Duane Stewart, Mickey Stillwagon, Gary Swanson, June Tinker, Tom Tyron, Lee Vallad, Marilu Vincente, Roy Wedge, Pat Winslow, Jim Young and Rickey Youngs.

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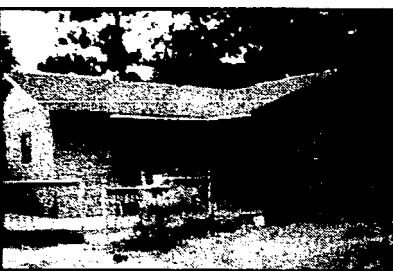
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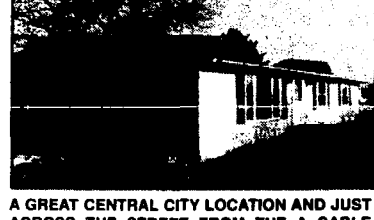
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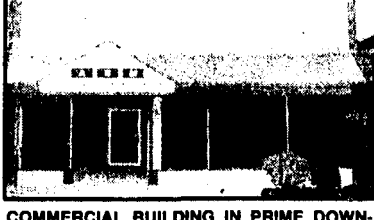
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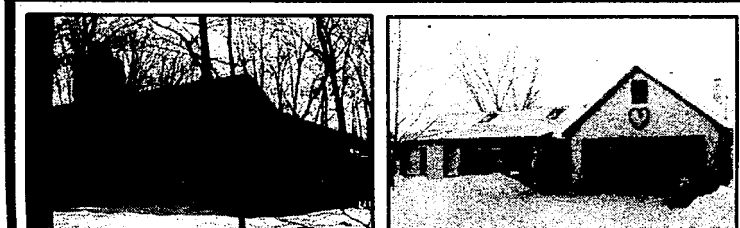
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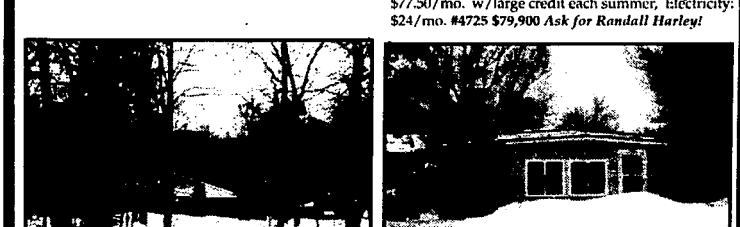
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## 3. Employment

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**CUSTOMER CONSULTANT** for the Oscoda County Michigan Works office! High school graduate with emphasis in human services. Associates Degree preferred. One year of work experience in customer service, clerical and computer skills. Must have initiative, self-motivation, good listening and organizational skills and the ability to work well with others under minimal supervision. Salary rate: \$8.76/hr plus excellent benefit package. Applicants must submit a resume and letter of interest identifying job applied for to: Human Resources Department, NEMCSA, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707 no later than April 17, 2001. EOE. Upon request auxiliary aids and services will be made to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center "Voice & TDD" 1-800-649-3777. (-5/3)

**AREA FINANCIAL INSTITUTION** seeking highly motivated individual for the position of Branch Office Supervisor. Responsible for daily office operations and supervision of office staff. Candidate must have supervision experience, excellent communication skills, effective leadership skills and be willing to take initiative to stimulate growth in the office. Salary range \$18,000 - \$23,000. Excellent benefit package. Send resume to: Attn: TMC, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. Resumes must be received by April 13, 2001. (-29-5/3)

### 3. Employment

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**ADVERTISING DEADLINES:**  
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### 6. Wanted

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### 7. Miscellaneous

**NEW BOOKS** at the Beaver Creek Township Library. Check us out in the Beaver Creek Township Hall. 517-275-2808. (-29-5/8)

### 8. Announcements

**FAIR PAGEANT TIME** Are you interested in participating in the Crawford County Cute Babies, Little Miss, Pre-Teen, or Teen Pageants? Watch the newspaper for further details. CCF Pageants. (-5/8)

**COMING SOON** New daily dinner specials at Skyline Ski and Country Club. Italian, Mexican and Cajun specialties. (3/15/01tf/8)

**CASINO PACKAGE** Award winning Days Inn Lakefront St. Ignace. Room for two at \$69.95 Sunday thru Friday or \$79.95 on Saturday and receive \$50 free in Kewadin Casino cash and more. Phone 800-732-9746. (10/26/00tf/8)

**GET YOUR PETS PICTURE** taken with the Easter Bunny. Saturday, April 7. Time: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Place: Northern Tails Pet Salon, 1205 Michigan Avenue. Price: \$5. (-5/8)

**GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S** Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing. Mar. 28 - Mar. 31, Risque, April 4 - April 7 Risque, April 11 - April 14 Gotham City. Happy Hour in our Speakeasy Saloon 11-9, Mon.-Fri. 22 oz. drafts, all flavors \$1.50 (-29-5/8)

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### 8. Announcements

**ATTENTION ALL BANDS**  
Kirtland Community college Student Senate seeks bands to perform at Spring/Fair in "Battle of the Bands" contest outside Student Center May 2 beginning at 11 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded. Contact Mark Allen at 517-275-5000, Ext. 342 no later than April 16. (-5/8)

**THE CLASSIFIED** - The perfect place to find that first car. (517) 348-6811

**ATTENTION** Non-Profits & Businesses: Kirtland Community college Student Senate is accepting reservations for booths at the Spring Fair, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Non-profit volunteer organizations can set up fund-raising booths at no charge; for all others, \$20 per space. For details or booth reservation contact Mark Allen at 517 275-5000, Ext. 342 no later than April 16. (-5/8)

**SKYLINE RESTAURANT**  
**DAILY** Specials Friday: Fish dinners \$5.99-\$7.99. Saturday: BBQ Ribs \$8.99 1/2 - \$11.99 full slab. Sunday - Wednesday: Buy one 15" two item pizza for \$11.99 and get the second one half price. Thursday: Prime Rib \$8.99 with soup, salad bar and potato. 517-275-5445. (9/14/00tf/8)

**AS OF MONDAY, March 19th** Skyline Ski and Country Club will begin remodeling for the Golf Pro Shop and landscaping around the lodge and parking area. We will also be preparing for the repaving of Skyline Road from top to bottom. Because of construction scheduling the lounge and restaurant will not be open until 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday until construction is completed. (4/5/01tf/8)

### 8. Announcements

**COME JOIN THE FUN** at the Plaza Bar. Karaoke every Friday and Saturday night at 9 p.m. (5/18/00tf/8)

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**Q. Is there any redeeming quality to a slimy eelpout?**

**A.** No one is sure how the eelpout got such a bad reputation in the fish world. The eelpout or burbot or lawyer or Lota lota is a beneficial freshwater fish.

Eelpout live in deep waters during the summer and become more active during the middle of winter. They are the only freshwater codfish. There is a myth that they are bottom feeders, but one look at their mouth and teeth will show this fish is a predator. The eelpout's diet consists of insects, crayfish and small fish.

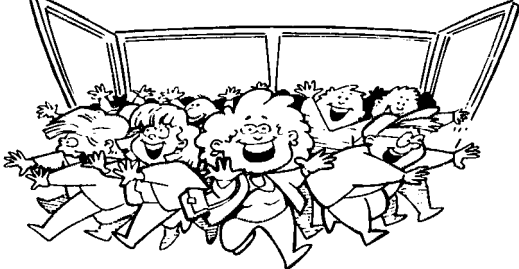
As an edible fish, the eelpout compares with other freshwater dwellers such as northern pike and walleye, having a white firm flesh. Other benefits derived from the eelpout include fertilizer, vitamins and liver oil, noted for its healing properties.

For more information on freshwater-related topics, visit Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth, Minn., or check out the website at [www.glaquarium.org](http://www.glaquarium.org)

### 8. Announcements

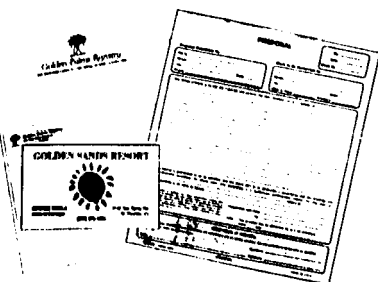
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**1989 CHEVY ASTRO VAN** Air, tilt, cruise, PW/PL. Runs great, asking \$7,000 or best offer. 517-344-2245 (-5/11)

# HEALTHLINE

by Linda Demarchis, M.S., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department Number 10 which serves a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like to see answered, please call or write the Health Department in your county.

## MANY CHILDREN ARE INJURED BY LAWN MOWERS

**QUESTION:** My husband recently purchased a riding lawn mower. When he is out cutting the grass, he lets the children ride on the mower, run after him, etc., which worries me. He says it is highly unlikely that the children will get hurt because he is very careful. Is this a good practice?

**SIGNED:** Lawn mower is not a toy.

**ANSWER:** You are wise to be concerned about your husband's lawn mowing practices. He probably has not been informed of the danger associated with lawn mowers and garden tractors.

The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reminds consumers to practice safety and common sense when working in yards and gardens. About 230,000 people are treated in emergency rooms each year for injuries related to lawn and garden equipment.

- More than 800 young children are run over by riding lawn mowers each year.

- About 75 people are killed and about 20,000 are injured on/near riding lawn mowers and garden tractors. One out of every ~ deaths involves a child.

To prevent these tragedies, the CPSC advises the following:

- Never allow children in the yard when mowing and never allow them to ride on a lawn mower.

- Never assume that you know where your child is. Be alert and turn off the mower if a child enters the area.

- Many children are burned by hot mufflers or engines. Keep children away from all power equipment.

- Be familiar with the operation of your lawn equipment, keep it well maintained and keep all safety guards in place.

- Check area for rocks, metal debris, glass and sticks before mowing. Nails and wire can kill bystanders if thrown by mowers.

- Be sure that extension cords are in good condition and rated for outdoor use. Never use electrical equipment in wet/damp conditions.

- If power tools are left unattended, be certain they are turned off and can't be operated to prevent children from using them.

- Never fill gas tanks if machinery is running or hot. Store gasoline in approved containers away from the house. NEVER SMOKE OR USE ANY FLAME AROUND GASOLINE.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicle will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2001 in the lobby of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle is located at Bulldog Towing at 6405 West M-72, Grayling if anyone is interested in viewing the vehicle prior to the sale.

Year 1994, Make GMC, Model Sonoma, Color Red, VIN # 1GTCS1445R8521255.

For further information, please contact Deputy Goss at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. (517) 348-4616.

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1999 Dodge Neon Sport - 4 dr. Automatic with air! Great mileage and a great value! We don't get them like this everyday! Stock #4545-1

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1999 Chevrolet Malibu LS - Beige with beige leather! Power sunroof, only 13,000 miles! What a cream puff! Stock #4554

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1998 Chevrolet Cavalier - 4 dr. Automatic with air! Nice car with great gas mileage! This one will be a good car for a long time for somebody! Stock #4559

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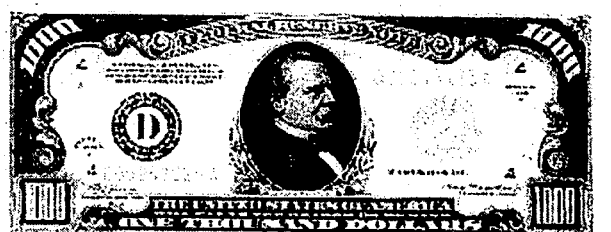
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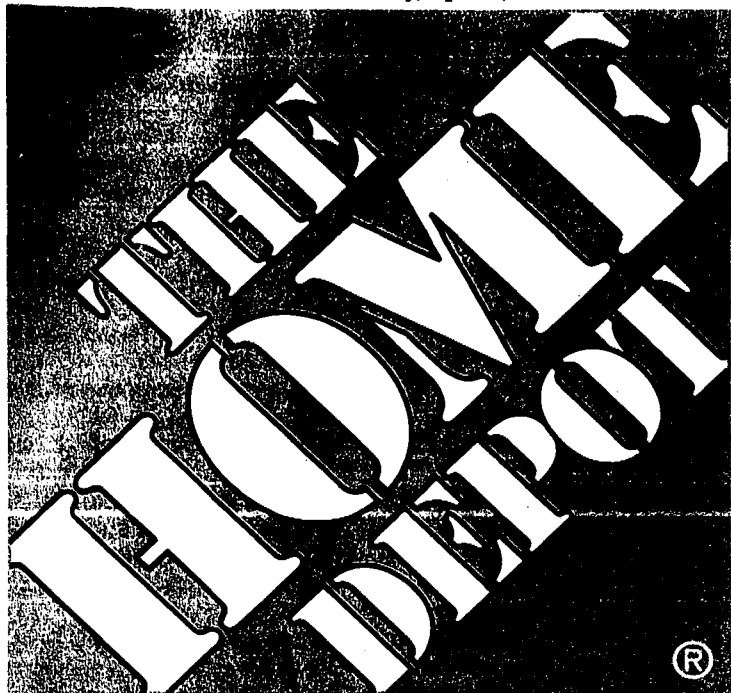


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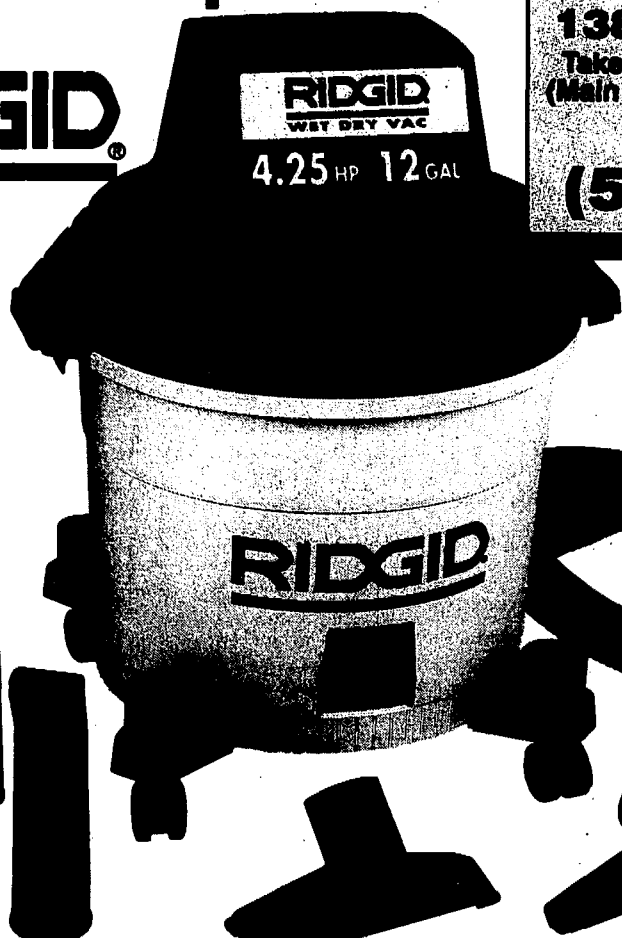




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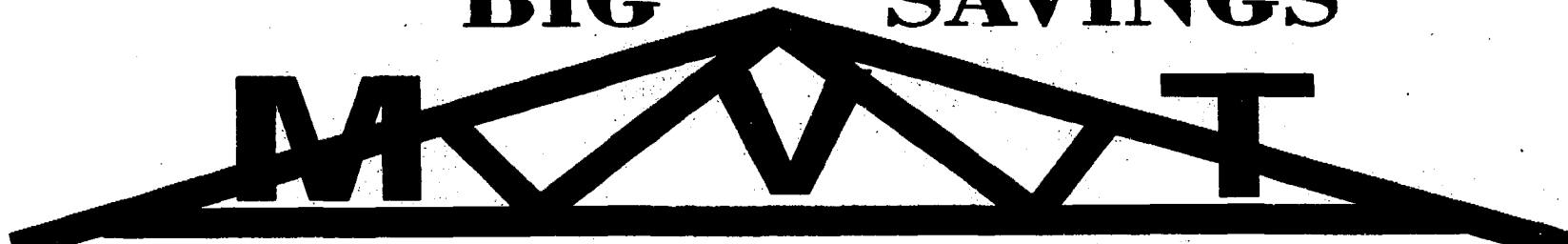


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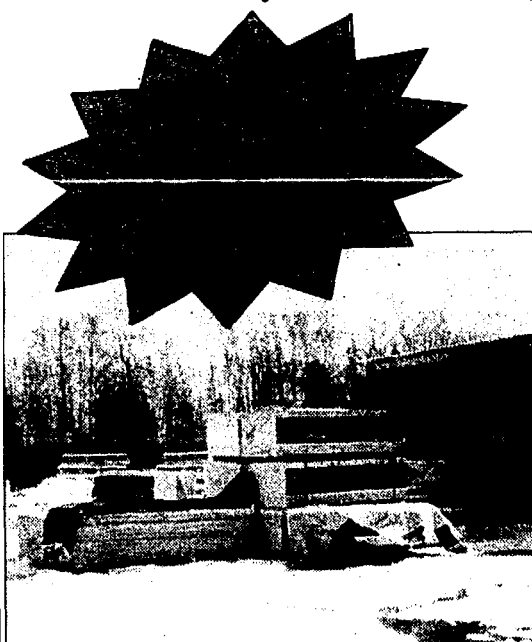


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building materials manufacturer, advises homeowners to pay close attention to how they select and install insulation.

It's important for homeowners to know that all insulation comes with a rating called an R-value, indicating the material's resistance value to heat flow.

The higher the R-value marked on the insulation packaging, the greater the insulating quality.

Johns Manville also recommends homeowners check their local building code for the correct R-value for their area.

Attics, ceilings, walls, floors and crawl spaces are the places where the proper amount of insulation is crucial. A properly insulated attic or ceiling usually requires 10 to 18 inches of insulation. If you choose to add insulation to your attic or ceiling, install insulation batts between the ceiling joists.

The whole ceiling should be covered except where air spaces are required around any heat-generating fixtures, exhaust flues and attic vents.

You also can insulate and seal the joints in metal ducts in unconditioned attic and crawl space areas.

If you have an older home, with little or no insulation in the walls, consider the benefits of retrofitting insulation. If the wall is opened for remodeling, insulation batts can be added. To insulate enclosed wall cavities, a contractor can be hired to drill holes and blow insulation into the walls.

Insulation can be

installed under floors between floor joists from below, or from above if the sub-floor has not yet been installed.

To insulate crawl space walls, secure unfaced insulation batts at the sill by nailing wooden strips over the insulation and draping the insulation down each wall.

Installing fiber glass insulation is not as difficult as you may think. In addition to the insulation, all you need is a tape measure, a utility knife and a staple gun.

For your safety, wear long-sleeved, loose-fitting clothing, gloves, eye protection and a respirator mask approved for fiber glass protection.

Another way to save money on cooling costs is to caulk around drafty windows and doors; schedule a cooling-system tune-up, and clean furnace filters.

Also, make sure to keep windows closed during the day and curtains drawn in areas of the house that receive direct sunlight.

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# Vacation In Your Backyard

## Turn Your Deck Into The Perfect Outdoor Retreat

(IHIT)-People take vacations to escape the day-to-day activities of their everyday lives. But, many are starting to realize that they don't need to own a second home or travel to an exotic location to enjoy a vacation. They are discovering the perfect getaway in their own backyards - the deck.

According to a 1999 study that surveyed contractors, 54 percent agree that relaxing is a primary reason for adding a deck. Pat Coughlin, Product Manager for The Flood Company, makers of deck cleaners and stains for

more than 150 years, illustrates how a deck can be turned into the ideal vacation spot.

A private camp ground. What are the essentials of camping? Stars, campfires and s'mores. The stars are already there, and a s'more is just a campfire away. By building a fire pit into the deck, any lazy weekend can turn into a camping trip.

If a pit fire doesn't seem appealing, purchase a chiminea. Chimineas are a nice alternative for a portable campfire.

Accessories are not the only way to establish the mood of the perfect vacation. The color of a deck can provide the ambiance as well.

"A gray or white deck may convey a sophisticated or nautical feel while a red, brown or green may provide a feeling of outdoor adventure," says

Coughlin. "If you want a rustic look to your deck, stain it with a semi-transparent stain in a 'natural' color so the wood grain can show through."

Backyard pampering. While sleeping under the stars is a favorite of some, it's not preferred by all. Some vacationers want some rest and relaxation, doing as little as possible while on their furlough. Relaxing on the deck with lounge chairs, a pitcher of iced tea and a good read provides the perfect substitute for Club Med.

"The secret to creating a calming effect on a deck is in the colors used to stain it," says Coughlin. "If you feel more comfortable with warm tones, such as reds and browns, be sure to stain your deck with those colors. If you prefer softer hues, stain your deck in pastels or whites."

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Keep color preferences top-of-mind when selecting outdoor furniture for a pampering retreat. Various fabrics and materials are available for outdoor furniture today and will help set the mood of any deck.

The place to party. To some people, a vacation isn't a vacation unless it's spent dining and socializing with friends. Deck owners are beginning to realize the potential their decks have as the weekend hot spot and are using gas grills and bar sets to create it.

Choosing a bright or unique deck stain color can add to the festivity of an outdoor vacation. Shades of yellow, red, green and blue can add a creative, fun flair. Lights and outdoor speakers add the finishing touches to the perfect deck

soiree. Installing lights in the step risers is a safety addition, and it also gives the deck dimension during the evening. Outdoor speakers will pump up the volume as well as the party

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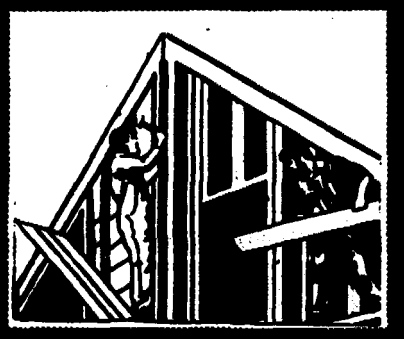
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## Tap Water, Pure Water Not Always The Same

(IHIT)—Fresh, clean mountain springs, arctic glaciers and babbling brooks often come to mind when one thinks of pure water. Yet rotten egg tastes, bad odors and floating particles in ice water are what consumers often get from their tap water.

Unfortunately, tap water and pure water are not always one in the same.

Water contacts — and then carries — many different substances, including gases, minerals and organic matter, in its passage from the purest mountain springs to your faucet. Substances that interfere with the appearance, taste and odor of your tap water.

### What Is That Floating In My Water?

More than likely it is sim-

ply dirt or other materials suspended in water. Officially it's known as "turbidity." Unofficially as "floaties." It is caused by dirt and sand getting into wells, and by runoff of other organic matter into water supplies. Not only is it visually unpleasant, but turbidity can also cause problems with plumbing systems, sinks, fixtures and the cleanliness of your laundry.

### Mmm, Mmm, Good.

Organic materials in water may not only contribute to turbidity, but may also produce unpleasant tastes or odors. Even when the amount of organic matter is very low, off tastes and musty odors may be detected. These tastes and odors affect drinking water, as well as the foods and beverages prepared with the water. However, organic materials usually do not cause health problems in the home.

At moderate levels, the minerals dissolved in water add an unpleasant taste to water. A high mineral content gives the water a salty or soda taste and interferes with the flavor of food and beverages.

Odor in water is often caused by the presence of hydrogen sulfide gas. So-called sulfur water not only produces the obnoxious rotten egg odor, but it is corrosive to plumbing metals and causes rapid tarnishing of silver.

### What Can I Do To Improve My Water?

Only one-half to one per-

cent of all the water supplied in a typical community is used for drinking and cooking. Therefore, water can be improved at the point of use. There are several methods of treating water. The method you select will depend on your individual water needs and the quality of water in your particular geographic region. To determine your needs, start by having your water analyzed. Options include your local Department of Health, a private laboratory or a reputable water treatment dealership.

The most common methods of treating water for drinking are reverse osmosis and carbon filtration.

### Reverse Osmosis

In reverse osmosis (RO), water is separated from the dissolved minerals by forcing it through a semi-permeable membrane, which could be visualized as a screen with microscopic openings. The treated water passes through the membrane, and the impurities are left behind.

### Carbon Filters

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# What Home Buyers Want

Home Builders Association releases survey results

by Jim Braid  
Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Bigger. Better. Faster. That's what new-home buyers want, according to a recent survey by the National Association of Home Builders. More square footage, open floor plans, and technological innovations are among the most popular preferences among households who bought a new home in the past two years or plan to do so in the next two years.

Although the size of the average American household has been on the decline, the size of the average American house can be expected to continue growing based on customer preferences. While a third of households surveyed live in a home with less than 1,500 square feet of furnished space, only 15 percent of these customers would prefer to buy a new home that small. Nearly a third of consumers polled want a furnished areas in the range of 1,500 to 1,999 square feet, and a quarter are in the market for 2,000 to 2,499.

More than a quarter of households polled wanted more than 2,500 square feet in their next home, which is in line with Census Bureau reports that more than a third of new homes completed during the first half of 2000 had 2,400 square feet or more. Additional statistics from the Census Bureau show that the average-sized, single-family home was 2,265 square feet during the first half of 2000, way up from 1,500 feet in 1970.

A three-bedroom, two-car garage home is preferred by about half of consumers, but 41 percent want four or more bedrooms. Similarly, two bathrooms suffice for 36 percent of survey respondents, but 47 percent want two and a half or more. About a quarter want room in the garage for three cars.

The traditional kitchen, completely separated from the house's living areas, is

no longer serving Americans' lifestyles, according to the survey. Fully 42 percent want a kitchen from which they can see into the family room, and another 23 percent want the kitchen completely open to the family room. Among popular kitchen features, a walk-in pantry was the most popular, followed by an island work area, extra-long counters, and a built-in microwave oven.

Respondents' ideal bathroom includes a linen closet, exhaust fan, separate shower enclosure, water temperature control, dressing/make-up area, and private toilet compartment.

An amazing one-third of households reported that they wouldn't be needing a living room in their new home, although a laundry room was absolutely essential.

About half of those surveyed put a den and sun room on the list of "must-haves," and 80 percent require a dining room.

Outside the home, exterior lighting, a front porch, rear deck, treed lot, rear

patio and fenced yard were features that about three-quarters of respondents wouldn't want to live without. Forty-two percent of those surveyed prefer brick exterior walls, followed by vinyl siding, then stone, stucco, wood, and lastly aluminum, preferred by just four percent.

Community amenities are strong selling points for these home-buyers, too. Popular inducements for moving into a particular community include a park area, walking and jogging trails, open spaces, lakes, and playgrounds.

If you find these specs tantalizing, you're not alone. Last year, home ownership reached an all-time high of 66.8 percent — 70.1 million households! An amazing feat, indeed, positioning the United States as one of the best-housed countries in the world.

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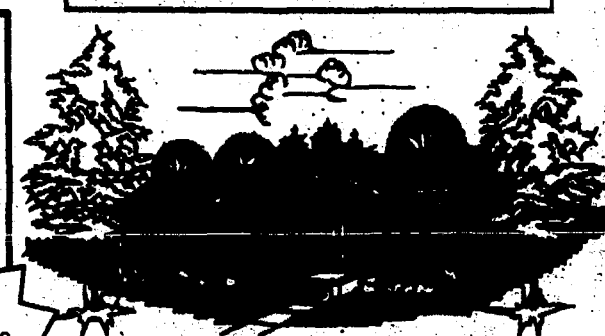
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(IHIT)-With the warmer temperatures come many cleaning and spruce up projects for the weekends. To get your home ready for the new season to come from both the inside and outside, consider using the following home improvement and energy saving tips checklist compiled by the CertainTeed Home Institute:

### INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Check your insulation levels. Make sure you have the correct levels of

insulation in your attic, crawlspace, and basement. If not, add more.

- Visit your home center store. Buy low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators and compact fluorescent lights to save energy.

- Clean or replace air-conditioner filters.

- Check the age and condition of your appliances. You may want to replace older ones with more energy-efficient models.

- Add an insulating blanket to your water heater. It can pay for itself in a year or less.

- Install a clock thermostat to set your thermostat back automatically at night.

### OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- Rake leaves. To clean up your flower beds and lawn areas, rake up any excess leaves or debris from the winter.

- Plant trees and shrubs. Strategically planted landscaping in your yard can help reduce your

energy costs. Deciduous trees with lots of leaves are best planted in front of sunny windows, as they will keep sunlight out of your living area.

- In addition, hardy low-lying evergreens and shrubs planted close to the foundation of a house slow cooled air from escaping during the summer.

- Clean the patio furniture and the grill.

- Powerwash and/or paint the deck.

- Tighten the bolts and wash and/or repaint the swingset.

- Check all exterior fixtures and replace outdoor spot, flood, porch and other exterior home bulbs.

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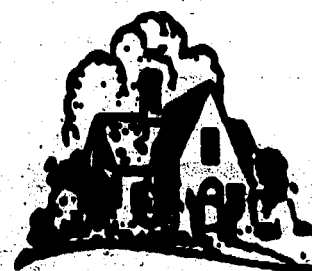


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## An Island Can 'Beef-Up' The Kitchen

(IHIT)—Ask most homeowners and they'll tell you that there's not enough counterspace in the kitchen, no matter how much or how little they have.

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- There should be sufficient space between the island and other work surfaces to allow for opening cabinet and appliance doors, and for two people to work without jostling one another.

- Depending on your specific needs, the island can be located so it functions as an integral part of the work area. It can also serve as a divider between the kitchen and the family room.

- Adding an island permits a reconfiguration of the classic "work triangle" of refrigerator, cooktop and sink, because it is an ideal place to relocate either the cooktop or the main sink, or to install a second sink as the focal point of a second



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- If the cooktop will be located in the island, with a wall oven elsewhere, consider pull-out trays or drawers below the cooktop to store pots and pans. If the island will be a second work station with a prep sink for cleaning veggies and the like, NKBA suggests including a pull-out wastebasket in the cabinet below.

- Be sure to plan for the mechanicals necessary for locating the cooktop or sink in the center of the room. For the sink you'll need supply and drain lines, and for the cooktop a ventilation system—either an overhead unit or a downdraft model. Both the plumbing and downdraft unit will require breaking through the floor. That's fine if you have a basement or a crawl space beneath, but could present problems if the room is on a slab.

- If your island will separate the kitchen and family room, it can become a multi-purpose unit that shows a different face to the family room. The use of shallow, glass-fronted doors can be used as display space, while the

kitchen side uses standard-depth base cabinets for no-nonsense storage. The generous countertop is ideal for staging a buffet.

- And finally. Don't forget about adequate lighting. Without it, the island will lose much of its functional appeal.

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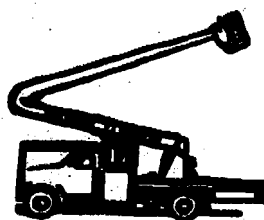
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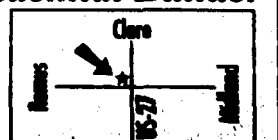
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(IHIT)—Computers and other electronic equipment found in nearly every home and business can be quite susceptible to electrical changes such as power surges or momentary interruptions. They may show up as minor current spikes, voltage sags, or electrical distortions that are difficult to find, even if you know where to look. Dealing with power quality concerns requires an understanding of the equipment, and a plan of protection at each level.

Lightning strikes to homes or nearby locations are a primary cause of damage to delicate equipment. Other causes like voltage spikes and multiple grounding paths can also create problems. Even minor surges can cause a

malfunction which requires the device to be reset, or could even cause permanent damage.

The surge protection system outlined in this article could apply to nearly any residential or commercial setting, as well as agricultural facilities, such as livestock buildings, dairy farms or greenhouses. A power disruption to ventilation fan thermostats, automated feeding and milking controls or refrigeration systems for eggs, milk or produce could cause devastating losses.

A properly installed surge suppression system includes several levels of protection. Beginning at the site of the utility service entrance, place a lightning arrestor, and continue the protection to each of the building's sub-panels, individual circuits, and outlets that supply electricity to delicate equipment. Each level of protection is designed to remove a portion of the surge not eliminated by the preceding level.

The last level of protection is provided at the individual device. This is where the lowest level of harmful disturbances will be filtered out.

In practice, many buildings won't need all the levels of protection. But, providing protection only at

the circuit level or electrical outlet is not sufficient to guard against high-energy surges that cause permanent damage. Balance your investment in protection with the degree of loss you might face if the device goes down. If you own expensive electric equipment, or your business relies heavily on sensitive devices, the best bet is to provide protection at all levels.

Experts recommend that the following components be included in any surge protection system:

- Lightning arrestor on main service entrance or pole;
- Low resistance grounding that is interconnected in a solid network;
- Surge arrestor (Category A or B) in the building service panel;
- Secondary arrestor (Category A) at the individual circuit to which the electronic device is attached.

To learn more, contact your electric power supplier, equipment manufacturer, or an experienced electrician.

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When you pick up a handful of great soil, only about half of it is typically

solid matter. The other half is air and water. The tiny air and water pockets found in healthy soil give plant roots the "breathing room" they need to take up nutrients. The little air and water pockets also enable living microorganisms to break down organic matter into forms usable by plants.

"When organic matter decays, it becomes a dark, sticky material called humus," says Bell. "Humus is the glue that holds soil particles — the sand, clay and silt — together with just the right amount of spaces for air and water."

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sandy soils makes the soil more fertile because it allows the soil to hold on to water and nutrients. Adding humus to clay soils spreads out the clay particles (which tend to clump tightly together) so water and nutrients can more easily pass through.

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(1) Cost: Replacing a septic system can cost upwards of \$10,000. (And, that's without inspections!) You can avoid costly problems with a simple pumping of the tank every 3-5 years and by following preventative maintenance year round.

(2) Health risks concerning your family and community: Untreated or inadequately treated wastewater can contaminate

ground water supplies thus posing a health risk to all.

(3) Economy: Failing septic systems in a community can lower property values, delay building permits or home sales, and bring about the possibility of government-mandated sewer installations, which ultimately necessitate a major cash outlay by the homeowner.

"Similar to the way car owners take certain precautions to ensure that their car runs properly, homeowners need to maintain their septic system to avoid potentially costly problems," said Charles C. Steward, Manager, Biotechnology Research & Development for Reckitt Benckiser, maker of RID-X Septic System Treatment.

Steward offers 10 septic system maintenance tips:

1. Have your septic system checked at least every three to five years and pumped when necessary by a licensed professional.

2. Don't flush napkins, paper towels, and other non-biodegradable products down the toilet.

3. Avoid dumping grease and oil down the drain

after cooking.

4. Use septic friendly products. Avoid pouring straight bleach, leftover paints and concentrated cleaners down the drain when cleaning up.

5. Throw garbage in bags versus the garbage disposal to help minimize build-up.

6. Use a treatment additive to help keep beneficial bacteria and enzyme levels high. Its bacteria and enzymes work to break up sewage within the tank, helping the system to flow smoothly.

7. Try to reduce the use of water by using a water-saving function on dishwashers and washing machines.

8. Keep a diagram of where the septic system is located in case a problem occurs and the system needs to be inspected immediately.

9. Use a septic system treatment more frequently when your system will be used more frequently. This replenishes the septic system with beneficial bacteria needed to breakdown waste in the system.

10. Repair all leaky plumbing fixtures.

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or the quick and easy way (with a power tiller). Turning the soil by hand is hard work, which is why power tillers have become

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## Make A Statement With Brick Pavers

(IHIT)—Just as your home makes a statement about who you are and what you value, so do the patios, walkways and driveways that connect your home to the outside world. They deserve the same attention to detail as does the home itself. Perhaps the most important decision you will make in planning your home's paved venues is the selection of the right paving product.

Brick pavers, that is genuine clay paving bricks, have a timeless appeal that imparts an image of classic elegance to homes of any style — from traditional to ultra-modern. In fact, many of the finest homes in America are graced with courtyards, terraces, garden paths and drives paved with brick. Kathy Frederick, a Realtor with Northern Virginia Homes, describes the appeal of brick in both aesthetic and practical terms, saying, "Brick presents a quiet but stately elegance, yet is still warm and welcoming. It never goes out of style. Adding a brick walkway or driveway can also add great value to your home. In every way, your return is far greater than your investment."

The primal elements of clay, water and fire come together to form brick pavers. They bring a natural harmony to every landscape design because they are the paving material

that comes from the earth itself. Comprised of selected blends of clay and shale, paving brick is molded and pressed into shape either by machine or by hand. After a brick has been formed under pressure, it is dried and fired at nearly 2,000°F until the particles fuse together to form a very strong bond. Paving bricks are so strong that many can withstand loads exceeding 12,000 pounds per square inch. Part of their strength is related to the density achieved when manufacturing. It is also this density that makes paving brick impervious to most stains.

The colors of paving bricks tend to be earth tones or blends of muted colors, typically red, brown, greenish gray, tan and even cream. These colors are characteristic of the clays mined from the earth and vary with the source area or region. Darker colors and blends of dark and light brick arise from the process of flashing, which imparts a permanent color into the paving brick. The high temperature at which clay paving brick is fired allows the color to endure forever without fading.

One great advantage of brick pavers is the almost endless number of design options available through patterns created using brick of various sizes, shapes, colors and textures. Within the broad category of genuine clay pavers lies a diversity of products ranging from hand-made, waterstruck brick with their old-fashioned appeal

to modern, extruded brick known for their precise look. Featuring colors drawn from a rich palette of natural earth tones, patterns range from simple to intricate and may be laid using mortar or without it.

The type of brick, the intricacy of the design and the type of installation (mortared or mortarless) you have chosen should all be considered when determining whether your paving project is best suited to a do-it-yourself or professional installation. For example, because antique-style, hand-made brick, by the nature of their design and manufacturing process, will vary in size, they demand more artistry in patterning and should probably be installed by a mason skilled in adjusting for the variability. While this type of paver may not be the right choice for a do-it-yourselfer, it creates a soft, rich look that can't be duplicated. Hand-made brick could be a crucial design element in achieving historical accuracy through the use of simple, traditional brick paving patterns.

Many manufacturers have adapted to modern technology brought from Europe and are now producing brick pavers with unprecedented accuracy in dimensions. This more modern paving brick is well-suited to complex designs and patterns which require a high degree of uniformity among the individual paving brick.

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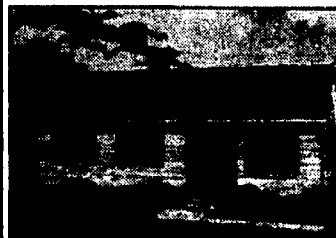


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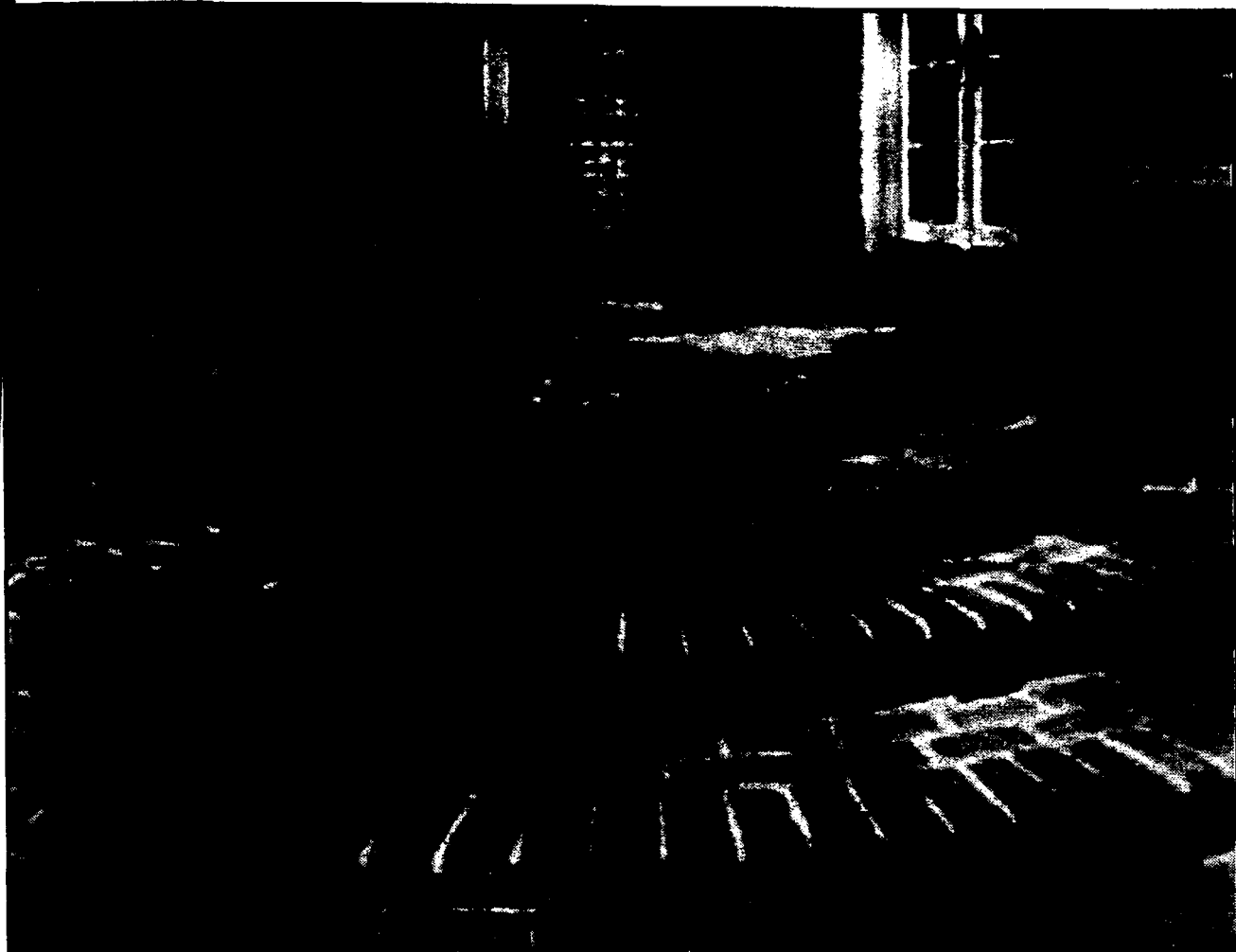


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Genuine clay paving bricks have a timeless appeal that imparts an image of classic elegance to homes of any style.

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Paving brick is available at your local brick distributor's showroom, your best source of information on paving brick, including do-it-yourself installation tips and names of qualified installers in your area. You can visit the showroom of a brick distributor and select your paving brick just as you would the brick on your house.

Because genuine clay pavers are made from the same material as brick used to build homes, brick

companies can easily provide paving brick to match or complement the brick on an existing or new home. For a distributor near you, visit [www.brick-info.org](http://www.brick-info.org)

Most people assume that any paving product that looks like brick is, in fact, brick. Not so. Paving brick is made of clay, the traditional source material of brick manufacturers. Concrete pavers, which may appear similar to their

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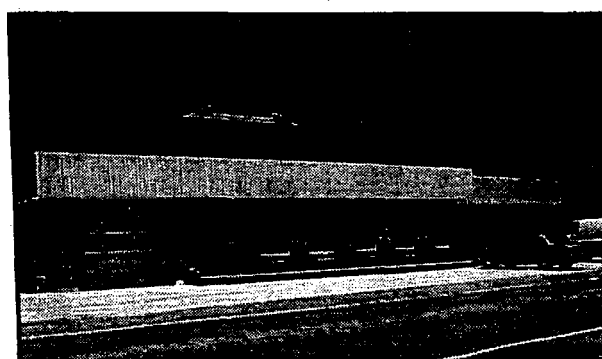
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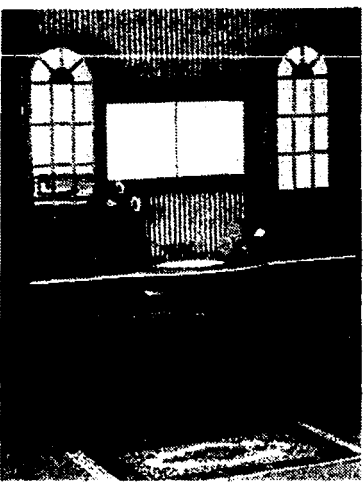
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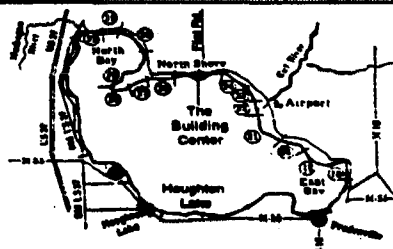
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# Statement/Brick Pavers

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clay counterpart on the shelf, are actually a very different product.

Concrete pavers, similar to concrete block, consist of cement and aggregate. Formed in molds, a vibration process provides the combined materials with density. Over time, the units gain strength due to the curing or hardening of the cement. Colors other than gray are achieved by adding pigments to the mixture of cement and aggregate.

Because it is not inherent to the material, the pigment added to concrete pavers can erode, eventually exposing the color of the aggregate and perhaps resulting in a complete change from the original color of the concrete paver. Dark pigments in particular can fade over time. Unfortunately, once the color has faded, it is impossible to bring the color back to its original appearance without replacing the concrete paver.

Like modern, extruded brick pavers, concrete pavers are manufactured with highly accurate dimensions and are typically available at large home improvement retailers. Retail malls and commercial establishments have done a great job utilizing concrete pavers, but they are used less frequently in upscale residential. "Why," you might ask? The answers are simple.

Clay, like all quality materials, keeps looking

better and better over time. It ages well and wears well. Brick, on a house or on the ground, conveys a sense of permanency - it just says "home." Brick is loved for its natural origins, its rich tonalities and its uniqueness. Like snowflakes, no two bricks are alike. Be aware of the statement your home is making. Genuine clay pavers provide a warm welcome that will endure, and even improve, after years of enjoyment.

**Important Information  
About Paving Brick**

## Size

Clay paving bricks usually come in face sizes of 4" x 8", but other sizes are available. Face sizes are also available in both 3-5/8", 7-5/8" and 3" x 7". Thickness can vary between 1-1/4" thick to 2-1/4" the latter being the most popular.

## Color

Clay paving brick comes in a variety of colors, including reds, browns, pinks and buffs. Other earth tone colors are available and practically any combination can be found. When taking the time to choose the perfect color for your project, it is very reassuring to know that the color of the clay paving brick chosen will never change. Cleaning, when necessary, is easily accomplished with the use of a hose and a little detergent.

## Durability And Strength

To insure the durability of the product, it is important that all clay paving brick meet ASTM C 902

standards. The standards used to test brick used for walls and brick used for paving are different. Brick used for walls is not made to endure pedestrian traffic or light vehicle traffic. If you install a brick that does not pass this test, it is quite possible that the brick will crack and/or disintegrate after a few years.

ASTM C 902 testing standards, which are specific to paving brick, insure that paving bricks are able to withstand higher levels of moisture, foot traffic and light vehicular traffic. This standard also accounts for the tremendous strength of clay paving bricks which usually surpass the minimum weight requirement of 8,000 pounds per square inch.

## Stain Resistance

Clay paving bricks resist most stains, with the exception of efflorescence, a white powdery substance that sometimes appears and washes away over time. To avoid efflorescence, calcium chloride deicers should not be used.

## Cost

The cost of both clay pavers and concrete pavers are more than asphalt or concrete initially; however, long-term durability and aesthetic appeal must be factored into an assessment of the cost-effectiveness of any paving option. Most segmental paver installers lay both clay and concrete pavers for the same price. Likewise, the cost of the two types of pavers is relatively similar.

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# Home Design Can Foster Healthier Downtime

(HIT)—Flopping down in front of the television can be relaxing, but experts agree that getting the most out of "downtime" requires activities that rejuvenate. When planning for relaxation, it's important to select activities that you enjoy, particularly those that enable you to forget the day by focusing on one thing — like gardening or reading. It's also important to design living spaces that promote relaxation and calm, says the lifestyle experts at Patio Enclosures, Inc., a company that designs sunrooms for homes across the nation.

Creating spaces in your home that facilitate relaxing activities such as meditating, yoga, gardening and woodworking provide an environment for being alone with ourselves in quiet and reflection, a valuable activity. According to Judith Handelsman, author of *Spiritual Gardening*, quiet time with ourselves can be described as dormant — a period of time that, like plants and animals, is set aside for healing and growth.

"Dormancy in plants is just the other side of growth," says Handelsman. It's required for re-growth and rejuvenation. But, we need an environment void of stress and noise to achieve these restoration benefits.

Increasing numbers of Americans seem to be getting the message about downtime.

"A subtle transformation is taking place in our culture from a casual lifestyle to a spiritual lifestyle. While Americans still thoroughly embrace the casual living trend, many are combining



**Creating spaces in your home that facilitate relaxing activities provide an environment for being alone with ourselves in quiet and reflection, a valuable activity.**

that lifestyle with their own desire to express their inner feelings throughout the home," reports the National Housewares Manufacturers Association.

Glass enclosed rooms are playing a large role in this trend toward nurturing the spirit, says Rick Jones, president of Patio Enclosures, Inc., North America's largest sunroom manufacturer and installation company. "Homeowners are using sunrooms to create in-home havens with hot tubs, rock gardens, fountains, indoor gardens and candles. In fact, relaxation is a major reason homeowners add sunrooms to their homes," Jones said.

Sunrooms are ideal for creating a sanctuary to achieve "quiet time" within the home. These glass-enclosed room additions appear to be separate from the rest of the house, while still being physically connected. The view to the out-of-doors fosters reflection and connection to the earth.

"My new glass room has

become my 'me-time' room; it has enhanced our entire lifestyle. The openness to nature makes it feel as if time slows down inside. The room inspires me at all times of day and in all seasons," says Vicki Venditti, a Patio Enclosures, Inc. customer in Philadelphia, PA.

To create a space in your home for relaxation and rejuvenation, sunrooms can be added or created by enclosing an existing porch or deck with full-length rolling glass doors and windows.

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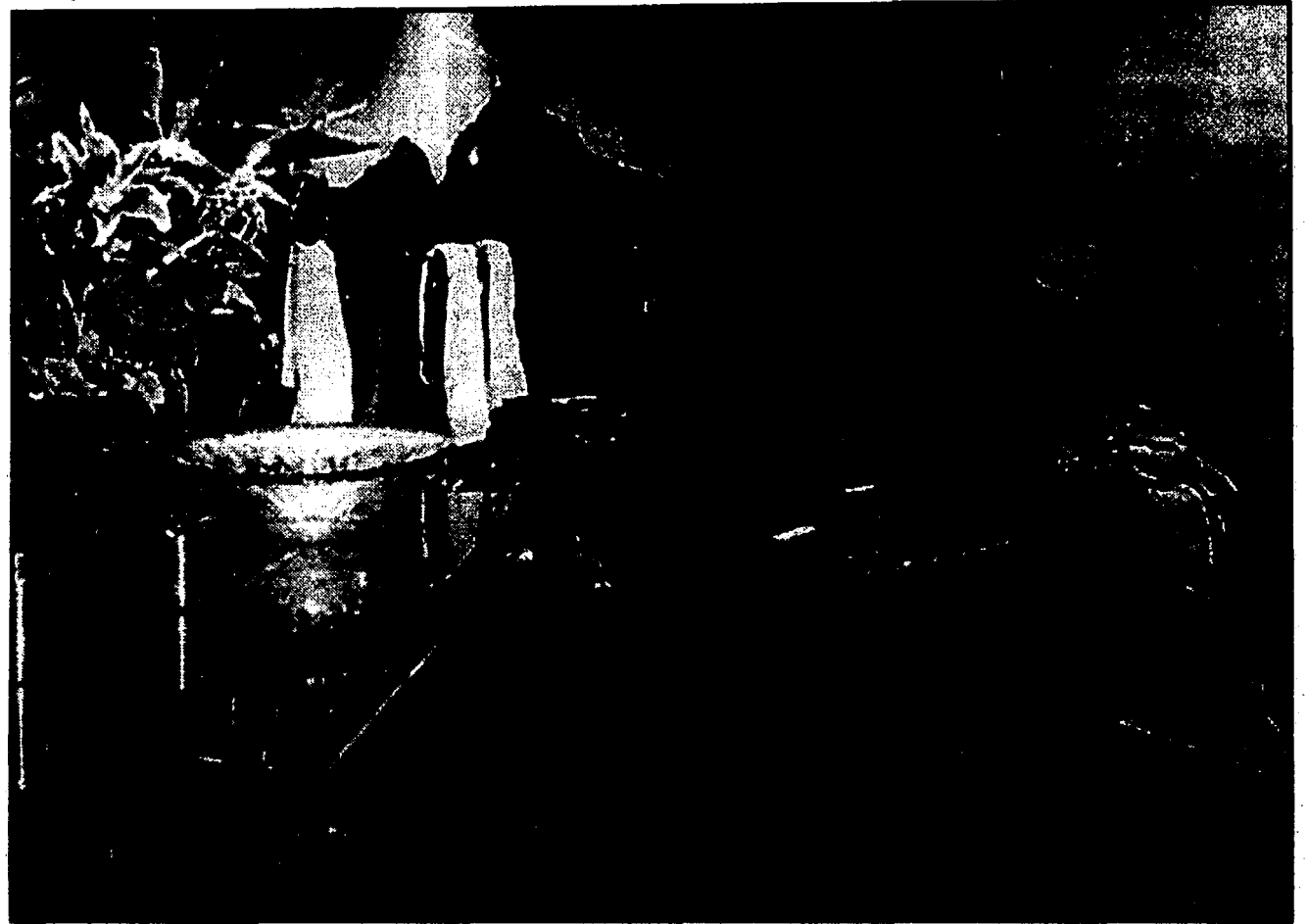


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## Get Your Kitchen Or Bathroom Remodeling Off To A Good Start

(IHIT)—The decision has been made. You've decided that the time has come to turn your dream kitchen or bathroom into a reality. Great! Now what?

### The Beginning

Your first step should be locating and hiring a professional kitchen/bathroom designer from the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA). What can a professional do for you? Plenty.

A kitchen/bathroom specialist can guide you through every phase of your project — decorating, design, construction, and plumbing and electrical systems.

Specifically, kitchen/bathroom specialists are able to:

- work with contractors, electricians and plumbers.
- answer any questions you have about design, products and colors, as well as anticipate and prevent problems that you may not have considered.
- create designs that reflect your individual personality through color, style and pattern selection.

"To ensure a successful project, it is important to find a kitchen or bathroom professional who is right for you," explains Stephanie Witt, CKD, CBD, of Kitchens by Stephanie, Grand Rapids, Mich. "Similar to finding a doctor or dentist, you need to locate someone who is capable of completing the job, but who also meshes

with your personality."

NKBA provides a list of its members, including Certified Kitchen and Bathroom Designers (CKDs and CBDs) in your area who can help you with your project.

### The Middle

"Once you have found the kitchen/bathroom planners near you, it is a good idea to visit them in person," says Witt. "This gives you the opportunity to see kitchens and bathrooms on display and to talk with designers about products, materials and colors. This will help you discover which designer is right for you."

Witt also suggests that you prepare for your visit. Here's how:

- Collect and clip photographs of kitchens or

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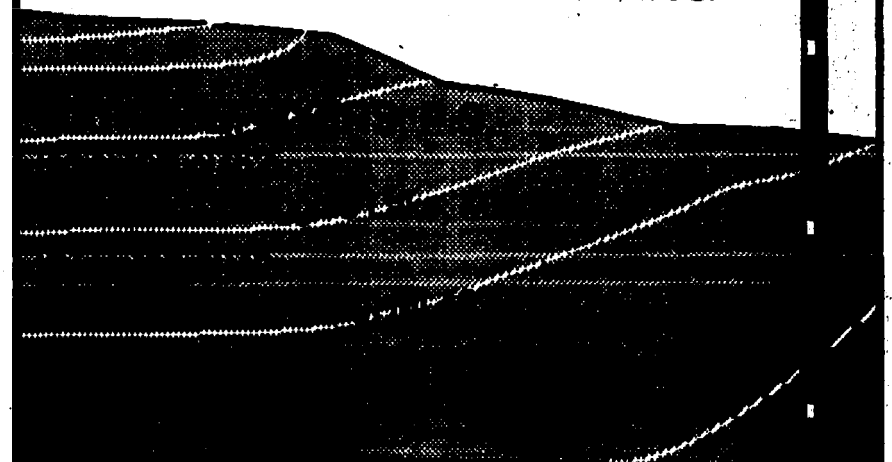
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# Ten Energy-Saving Ideas

(IHIT)-Using energy wisely can reduce consumption and save money on utility bills, according to the American Gas Association.

Here are some tips:

1. Seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings, such as pipes or ducts — with caulking or weather-stripping.

2. Set thermostats between 65 and 70 degrees in the winter, at least 5 degrees lower when sleeping, and at 58 degrees when away from home for more than a few hours. (Warmer temperatures are recommended for homes with ill or elderly persons or infants.)

3. Set water heater temperatures at 140 degrees (at 120 degrees in homes with infants or elderly persons to guard against accidental scalding), and install water-flow restrictors in

showerheads and faucets.

4. Change filters or clean the filters in heating and cooling units twice a year. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. If pipes or ducts run through unheated areas, insulate them.

5. Use drapes, shutters, awnings, shade trees, glass with reflective film or solar screens to keep sunlight out in the summer and let it in during the winter.

6. Check to see if attic and basement (or crawl space) have the recommended level of insulation.

7. If you have a wood-burning fireplace, consider installing a natural gas fireplace insert, which can save on energy costs compared with wood. A gas fireplace also will dramatically reduce the air pollution created from burning wood.

8. Consider storm or thermal windows and

doors or double paned glass. A less-expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to retain heat or air conditioning.

9. Be sure that dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers are fully loaded before running.

10. When buying new appliances, compare energy efficiency ratings and annual operating costs. A slightly higher initial cost for a high-efficiency appliance could pay itself back in a very short time through energy savings and lower utility bills.

Many natural gas utilities offer assistance and special programs designed to help consumers reduce their energy bills.

Contact your local gas utility for more information.

## Kitchen/Bathroom Remodeling

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bathrooms that appeal to you. Examining these with the designers during your visits will give them a good idea of the styles to which you are attracted.

• Evaluate your current kitchen or bathroom to find out what works and what doesn't.

For example, is there enough cabinet shelf space? Is there enough counterspace? Is there adequate task lighting about the countertop? In the bathroom, is the bathtub big enough? Is the showerhead at a comfortable height for all users? Is the bathroom safe? Does it include grab bars and non-slip flooring?

• Write down the

answers to these questions, and bring them with you when you visit the kitchen/bathroom planner. They will play an important role in the design of your new space.

### The Completion

After you choose a firm, a designer will visit your home to take precise measurements. He or she also will spend a great deal of time interviewing you to discover the exact type of style of kitchen or bathroom you desire. Then, a plan, which includes material costs, specifications and design entails, will be prepared.

When the design is approved and the budget is set, a payment schedule

will be arranged. NKBA member firms will usually offer a contract that outlines project responsibilities and a payment schedule.

The time frame for completion of projects will vary. Generally, kitchen and bathroom projects take two weeks to several months to complete. Although living with construction is not easy, it will all seem worth it once your new kitchen or bathroom is complete.

To obtain a list of NKBA member firms in your area and a FREE workbook, call 1-877- NKBA-PRO (1-877-652-2776).

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